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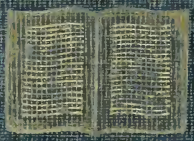

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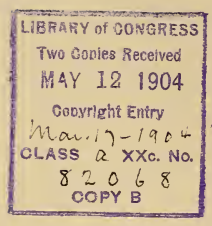


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My Father.

# PREFACE.

Buxton says Proverbs are potted wisdom; Lord Russel, that they are the wit of one and the wisdom of many; Cervantes, that they are short sentences drawn from long experience; Mackintosh, that they contain the good sense of nations; Bacon, that they contain the genius, wit and spirit of a nation; Carlisle, that they contain more true spiritual force than a philosophical system; Cicero, that they are salt pits from which you may extract salt and scatter it everywhere.

If the above statements are true, William Penn was right in his opinion that the wisdom of a nation lies in its proverbs. Fleming was justified in saying that they embody the current and practical philosophy of the age. Trench justly asserted that they are always dear to the intellectual aristocracy. Goethe spoke truly when he said that a collection of them is the greatest of treasures. Disraeli had reason to say that a review of them should enter into our reading, for the reason that there seems to be no occurrence in human affairs to which some proverb may not be applied.

Since all must acknowledge the absolute truth of the statements made by the most eminent authorities, a collection of the best proverbs is, truly,

The Wisdom of the World, the golden fruit of knowledge and experience.

Twenty years ago the writer began collecting these proverbs. From many thousands of those of all nations and all times, those which contain the statement of a truth have been carefully selected. Many thousands have purposely been omitted because they contained but half a truth or were not such as should be offered to the refined reader. Under this class came thousands of Spanish, French, German and Italian proverbs.

To make them more readable they have been grouped under more than six hundred topics, which were then arranged alphabetically so that it might be easy to refer to any subject.

The effort to give the authorities was abandoned, for the reason that it seemed impossible to do so with any degree of accuracy. Nearly all are credited to several persons or nations. Many supposed to be original with modern writers can be traced back to the time of Aristotle or earlier. Since the authorities could not be given, the writer has not hesitated to change a great many, that they might the better suit the present time and system of morality.

W. J. S.

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**Ability.**

Men are capable of greater things than they perform.

Who does the best his circumstances will allow, does well.

Ability is a poor man's treasure, and compensates for absence of talent.

Ability involves responsibility.

Sometimes there is not less ability in knowing how to use than in giving good advice.

**Absence.**

'Tis sweet to know an eye will mark our coming, and look brighter when we come.

The absent claim a sigh; the dead, a tear.

The joy of meeting again lessens the pang of absence.

The absent are never without fault.

Out of sight, out of mind.

Absence in love is like water on fire; a little quickens, but much extinguishes.

**Abstinence.**

Always rise from the table with an appetite, and you will never sit down without one.

Abstinence is the best medicine, and is the mother of contentment.

Diet cures more than the lancet.

**Abuse.**

Reproach may be preferable; abuse never.

Liberty may be endangered by abuse of liberty, as well as by the abuse of power.

We hate those we have abused.

**Accident.**

The greatest results often originate in accidents.

With God nothing is accidental.

Crown every passing day with some good action.

We are authors of our own disasters.

How poor an instrument may do a noble deed.

**Action.**

God helps those who help themselves.

The greatest end of life is not knowledge, but experience.

It is not your posterity but your actions that will perpetuate your name.

It is not the act but the motive that should be censured or extolled.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act that each to-morrow
Finds us farther than to-day.
Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

**Admiration.**

Admiration is the daughter of ignorance.

Admiration is a short-lived passion.

Admiration is more tolerant than love.

**Adversity.**

Every path hath its puddle.

No trials, no triumphs.

Every man has his Waterloo.

Better to be a "has been" than a "might have been."

Many who go out for berries come back with briars.

Defeat is a tonic to a brave man.

He that stumbles and falls not quite gains a step.

Adversity is a severe instructor, but the best.

Sweet are the uses of adversity.

No cross, no crown.

Noble souls, through dust and heat,
Rise from disaster and defeat
The stronger.

If thou faint in the day of adversity thy strength is small.

When adverse winds and waves arise,
And in my heart despondence sighs—
When life her throng of care reveals,
And weakness o'er my spirit steals,
Grateful I hear the kind decree
That "as my day my strength shall be."

**Advice.**

Nothing given so willingly as advice.

The best advice is—don't give any.

Never give advice unasked.

The stingy man loves to give advice—it costs nothing.

Forewarned is forearmed.

People only ask advice when they want their own opinions confirmed.

Bachelors' wives and old maids' children are always well taught.

Every sore-eyed person is an oculist.

Good advice is beyond all price.

For advice a man goes to his lawyer; a woman to her lover.

He that will not be saved needs no sermon.

He who won't be advised can't be helped.

No advice like a father's—or a mother's.

Often that which we call giving advice is only taking occasion to show off our own wisdom at another's expense.

Of quinine and advice it is more blessed to give than to take.

Good advice is beyond all price.

**Affectation.**

Affectation is a greater enemy to the face than smallpox.

By affecting to be worse than they are, some get credit for being honest.

Men are never so ridiculous for qualities they have as for those they affect to have.

Affectation is an assumption of what we are not.

**Affection.**

Our domestic affections are the most salutary bases of good government.

Of all earthly things that which furthest penetrates heaven is the beating of a truly loving heart, which usually controls the head.

Gratitude is the music of the heart.

The best way of recognizing a benefit is never to forget it.

The affection and the reason are both necessary factors in morality.

The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one;
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done.

True gratitude never forgets.

We love because we must love.

How much we owe to our parents.

A man who desires friends must show himself friendly.

We strengthen our feelings by giving them suitable expression.

**Affliction.**

Affliction is the school of virtue.

Affliction separates the wheat from the chaff.

Afflictions are but mercies in disguise.

Great trials prepare us for great duties.

No man would be happy without them.

God afflicts us to draw us nearer to him.

One affliction is better than a thousand exhortations.

The best people need affliction to bring their virtues into play.

The afflicted person is sacred, and the best remedy is to submit to Providence, for there is mercy in affliction's smarts.

**Age.**

Few persons know how to grow old gracefully.

Age is a venerable traveling companion.

Young men think the aged to be fools, and old men know that young men are so.

Age makes a man's hair white, but does not improve his disposition.

Honorable old age is the harbinger of immortality.

Though old and wise be still advised.

Aged men object too much, consult too long, venture too little, repent too soon, and are content with a mediocrity of success.

Old boys have playthings as well as young ones; the difference is only in the price.

The aged forget; the young don't know.

When men grow virtuous in old age they are merely sacrificing to God the devil's leavings.

**Agnostic.**

An agnostic is a man who does not know whether there is a God or not, or whether he has a soul or not.

Whoever considers the study of anatomy I believe

will never be an atheist; the frame of a man's body and the coherence of his parts being so strange and paradoxical that I hold it to be the greatest miracle of nature.

**Agriculture.**

Agriculture not only gives riches to a nation, but the only riches she can call her own.

He that by the plow would thrive, himself must either hold or drive.

Be the first in the field and the last to the couch.

**Aim.**

Better aim at a star than shoot down a well; you'll hit higher.

A life without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder.

Without a purpose what were life?
Eating, sleeping, toil and strife.

A spur in the head is worth two in the heels.

Better little talent and much purpose than much talent and little purpose.

**Almsgiving.**

We are rich only through what we give.

Give work rather than alms to the poor.

To pity distress is human, to relieve it Godlike.

He who ministers not to the need of others remains unblest.

Give not grudgingly, for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

Generosity never impoverished a man, nor robbery enriched him, nor prosperity made him wise.

**Ambition.**

Ambition is a powerful source of good or ill.

Have an aim in life, or your energies will all be wasted.

Every one should take the helm of his own life and steer instead of drifting.

Hope without an object cannot live.

Ambition is to life just what steam is to the locomotive.

No toil, no hardships can restrain ambitious men inured to pain.

The men at the summit fought their way up from the bottom.

Not what others have done, but perfection, is the only true aim.

Heaven is not reached by a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowest earth to the vaulted skies
And we mount to its summit round by round.

Covetous ambition, thinking all too little which presently it hath, supposeth itself to stand in need of all which it hath not.

**Amendment.**

Whatever may have been the past, however black and hideous, it hath a present cure—repentance and amendment.

**Ancestry.**

He who boasteth of his ancestors confesses he has no virtue of his own.

A man's ancestors do not make him great.

Men do not live in the past.

They who on glorious ancestors enlarge,
Produce their debt, instead of their discharge.

**Angels.**

Angels are our guardian spirits.

In olden days God sent his angels oft
To men in threshing floors, to women pressed
With daily tasks they came to tent and croft,
And whispered words of blessing and of rest.

Angels' visits are few and far between.
Many talk like angels and live like men.

**Anger.**

The anger of relatives is the deadliest.

Whosoever shall be angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment.

Beware the anger of a patient man.

Two things a man should never be, angry at what he can help and what he can't.

Anger renders a man insane.

No man is free who does not command himself.

A man in a passion rides a horse that runs away with him.

When angry count ten.

Let not the sun go down upon your anger.

An angry man is again angry with himself when he returns to reason.

He who overcomes his anger subdues his worst enemy.

The art of education is to learn the art of repression.

Hate a man's acts, but not the man himself.

**Annoyance.**

We submit to small annoyances to achieve great results.

**Answer.**

A soft answer turneth away wrath.

Answer not a fool according to his folly.

Not all questions require reply.

The shortest and best answer is performing the request.

**Anticipation.**

Fear will make thee wretched, though evil follow not behind.

He who would gather roses must not fear thorns.

He may hope for the best that is prepared for the worst.

He that wants hope is the poorest man alive.

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick, but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

We enjoy or suffer by anticipation what we never realize.

Hope as a star, to heart and eye, beams from afar reality.

**Anxiety.**

Anxiety is valueless unless it provides a defence.

Anxiety is the rust of life.

It is not work but worry that kills men.

Keep in the sunlight.

Anxiety is the poison of life.

**Ape.**

An ape's an ape, a varlet's a varlet,
Whether they be clad in silk or scarlet.

**Applause.**

Oh, popular applause, what heart of man is proof against thy sweet seducing charms.

Men seek less to be instructed than applauded.

Applause is the spur of noble minds.

Popular applause is but a blast of air, and as changeable.

**Application.**

The want of application rather than the means to acquire success results in life's failure.

Few things are impracticable; it is for want of application rather than from circumstances that men fail of success.

Idleness is the parent of want and of pain; but the labor of virtue bringeth forth pleasure.

**Argument.**

Calmness in argument is a great advantage.

Argument makes three enemies to one friend.

Never argue while eating.

There is no disputing against a man who denies a principle.

Who shall decide when doctors disagree
And soundest casuists doubt like you and me?

**Art.**

The perfection of art is to conceal art.

Art is power.

Art subdues our nature and repels all rudeness.

Necessity is the mother of invention.

True art is reverent imitation of deity; art may err, but nature cannot.

Art is the attempted reproduction of nature.

A man's entire attention must be given to his art, for art is a jealous mistress.

**Assistance.**

Men help thee most that think thou hast no need.

But if the world once thy misfortune know, thou soon shall lose a friend and find a foe.

**Association.**

He that toucheth pitch shall be defiled therewith.

One rotten apple spoils the whole barrel.

He who goes with wolves learns to howl.

Tell me who are thy companions, and I will acquaint thee with thy character and habits.

The goose goes with geese.

You may keep yourself safe from fire, but not from evil companions.

The most agreeable of companions is a simple, frank man, without pretensions to an oppressive greatness.

A wise man is known by the company he keeps out of.

**Atheism.**

An atheist is one point beyond the devil.

Some are atheists only in fair weather.

It is the death of hope and the suicide of the soul.

**Authors.**

Literature has her quacks no less than medicine.

Incessant scribbling is death to thought.

He that would write what is worthy to be read more than once should blot frequently.

Choose an author as you would a friend.

Like author, like book.

His secret studies are the sunken cares.

He who proposes to be an author should first be a student.

**Avarice.**

If you would banish avarice, you must first banish luxury, its mother.

Avarice is the vice of declining years.

Poverty craves some things, luxury many; avarice all things.

Avarice sheds a blasting influence everywhere.

Oh, cursed lust for gold, when for its sake the fool throws up his interest in both worlds; first starved in this, then damned in that to come.

Avarice and fidelity cannot dwell together in the same house.

The avaricious man is always in want.

When all other sins are old avarice is yet young.

**Babes.**

A babe in the house is a wellspring of pleasure.

He is his mother's angel.

We dislike the squalling of a neighbor's brat.

The child is father to the man.

The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.

Wherever yet was found a mother who'd give her baby for another?

To a wise doctor all babies are angels.

The smallest child is nearest to God, as the smallest planets are nearest the sun.

Heaven lies about us in our infancy.

**Bachelor.**

Who would avoid strife let him remain a bachelor.

Call no man unhappy till he is married.

Though marriage has some pains, celibacy has few pleasures.

Until a man finds a wife he is only a half.

Then here's to the jolly bachelor's life,
And may he live till he takes a wife.

**Bargains.**

It takes two to make a bargain.

It is only good bargains that ruin us.

Good bargains are pickpockets.

Make the best of a bad bargain.

It takes two good bargains to ruin a man.

Bargains are often costly ventures.

**Beauty.**

A pretty face wins a case.

A fair face may be a foul bargain, and may hide a foul heart.

All that's fair must fade.

Beauty is the first gift that Nature makes to a woman, and the first it takes away.

All orators are dumb when beauty pleadeth.

A beautiful and chaste woman is the perfect workmanship of God, the true glory of angels, a miracle on earth, and the sole wonder of the world.

It is a great plague for a man to be handsome.

The love of beauty oft redeems a fallen man.

Loveliness unadorned is adorned the most.
If eyes were made for seeing,
Then beauty is its own excuse for being.

'Tis the stainless soul within that outshines the fairest skin.

The love of the beautiful is an unfailing source of happiness.

A thing of beauty is a joy forever,
Its loveliness increases; it will never
Pass into nothingness; but still will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.

**Beggars.**

A beggar nowhere suffers from famine.

Beggars and borrowers cannot be choosers.

He who is not ashamed to beg is not ashamed to steal.

Country tramps are not aimless wanderers as they seem. They are organized under a captain, who prescribes their routes, which are circuited. They may not leave their circuits. They have a secret mark, understood by the tramp only, on every man's gate or entrance. It indicates whether or not he may expect anything there.

**Benefits.**

Benefits turn into poison with ungrateful people.

To receive a benefit is to sell one's liberty.

Benefits, like flowers, please most when fresh.

Benefits grow old betimes, but injuries last long.

Let him who gives be silent, for there is no benefit so small that a good man will not magnify it.

**Beginnings.**

Well begun is half done.

Begin in time to finish without hurry.

If you wish to reach the highest, start with the lowest.

Good to begin well, better to end well.

Ill begun, ill done.

Every day is a fresh beginning,
Every morn is the world made new.
You who are weary of sorrow and sinning,
Here's a beautiful hope for you;
A hope for me and a hope for you.

**Better.**

Good management is better than good income.

Of two evils choose the lesser.

Of two evils choose neither—if you can help it.

Better late than never.

The law of love is better than the love of law.

Better say nothing than nothing to the purpose.

Better let the feet slip than the tongue.

Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

Better be troubled for sin than by sin.

An injury forgiven is better than an injury revenged.

Say well and do well, end with one letter,
Say well is good, but do well is better.

Better wear out shoes than sheets.

Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith.

**Best.**

The best eyes look inward and upward.

The best sauce is hunger.

The best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley.

Best to bend it while it is a twig.

There is nothing so well done but may be amended.

**Betting.**

Betting is a fool's argument, but it's very convincing when you win.

**Biography.**

One personal anecdote of a man is worth a volume of biography.

The best instructors are the lives of great men.

No man's full life has ever been written by himself, or another, or ever can be.

**Birds.**

A bird is known by its note, and a man by his talk.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

Birds of prey do not flock together and do not sing.

Every bird is known by its feathers.

An old bird is not caught by chaff.

**Birth.**

No man can help his birth.

High birth is a poor dish at a table.

**Blame.**

He should be pure who censures another.

Who lends his lips to naught but blame hath in his heart no love of fame.

A man is bad off who has no one to blame but himself.

**Blessed.**

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whom there is no guile.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Blessings.**

Blessings brighten as they take their flight.

They are not truly valued until they are gone.

You know not where a blessing may light.

**Blindness.**

None so blind as those who will not see.

**Blood.**

Blood is thicker than water, and boils without fire.

The cold in clime are cold in blood.

Noble and ignoble blood are of the same color.

**Blushes.**

When a girl ceases to blush she has lost the most powerful charm of her beauty.

A blush on the face is better than a blot on the heart.

Blushing is virtue's color.

Blushes are attractive but often inconvenient.

**Boasting.**

Boast not thyself of to-morrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

All my goods are of silver and gold, even my copper kettle, says the boaster.

Said the devil to the boaster, "Come up higher,
This seat is reserved for the champion liar."

For men, it is reported, dash and vapor
Less on the field of battle than on paper.
Thus in the hist'ry of dire campaign
More carnage loads the newspapers than the plain.

**Books.**

Choose an author as you choose a friend.

Next to acquiring good friends, the best acquisition is good books.

Judge not a book by its cover.

Books are the wardrobes of literature, the shrines of genius.

A few good books digested well do feed the mind.

We are liable to be corrupted by books as by companions.

There is no friend so faithful as a good book.

Like friends, books should be few and well chosen.

It is a man's duty to have books. A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessaries of life.

Precious and priceless are the blessings which books scatter around our daily paths.

A good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit.

Of bad books we can never have too few, of good never too many.

Books bring me friends, where'er on earth I be,
Solace of solitude, bonds of society.
All around the room my silent servants wait,
My friends in every season.

Always read the preface to a book. It enables you to survey more completely the book itself. You frequently also discover the character of the author from the preface.

**Borrowing.**

The borrower is servant to the lender.

Borrowing is the mother of trouble.

Friendship stops where borrowing begins.

If you would know the value of money, try to borrow some.

Borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry.

Who to his friend his money lends,
May lose his money and his friend.

Neither borrower nor lender be, for loan oft loses itself and friend.

If you would make an enemy, lend a man money and ask it again.

Beware of going security for thy friends.

Who wants an enemy lends him money.

Borrowing brings anxiety and is the mother of trouble.

He who loans a man money, loses both coin and friend.

He that goes a-borrowing, goes a-sorrowing.

**Bores.**

A man is not deemed a bore who talks about you.

If you would get rid of a bore, lend him money.

**Bow.**

The bow that is oftenest unbent, will be the longest to retain its strength and elasticity.

**Brevity.**

It is a great grace of eloquence.

Brevity is the soul of wit.

**Building.**

Building is sweet impoverishing.

Fools build houses, wise men live in them.

All men build castles in the air, if nowhere else.

The cheapest buildings are air castles.

The man who builds, and wants wherewith to pay,
Provides a home from which to run away.

**Business.**

Business neglected is business lost.

Business and action strengthen the brain, but too much study weakens it.

Business before pleasure.

Keep thy shop and thy shop will keep thee.

Who drives not his business is driven by it.

You cannot market with empty pockets.

When you call on a man of business, attend to your business and then go about your business.

A fair exchange is no robbery.

There are tricks in all trades but ours.

Endeavor to be first in thy calling, whatever it be.

A jack of all trades and master of none.

Everybody's business is nobody's business.

Never shrink from doing anything your business calls you to do.

The man who is above his business may one day find his business above him.

**Buying.**

Quick returns make rich merchants.

Never buy a pig in a poke.

Don't buy yourself poor.

**Calamity.**

Every man has his Waterloo.

A bird never flew so high but it had to come to the ground.

Misfortunes come on horseback and go away on foot.

He that has never known adversity is but half acquainted with himself.

The good seaman is known in bad weather.

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

**Calumny.**

Calumny will soil virtue itself.

Be thou as chaste as ice and pure as snow, thou shall not escape calumny.

Backwounding calumny the whitest virtue strikes.

The assassin inflicts death but once, the calumniator many times.

**Candor.**

Candor looks with equal fairness at both sides of a subject.

Daylight and truth meet us with clear dawn.

There is no fear for any child who is frank with his father and mother.

Candor is the sign of a noble mind.

Candor is a virtue which is everywhere commended.

Frankness is a combination of truthfulness and courage.

Frankness and candor will always win respect and friendship.

Candor is the pride of the true man, the charm of the noble woman, and the rarest virtue of society.

**Care.**

Want of care is more dangerous than want of knowledge.

Negligence is the rust of the soul.

Twenty things half done do not make one thing well done.

Little goods, little care.

Exactness in small matters brings cheerfulness.

Light cares speak, great ones are dumb.

Accuracy first, rapidity afterward.

Care and diligence insure success.

The accurate boy is always favored.

No one knows the weight of another's burden.

Life's cares are comforts, such by Heaven designed.

Cast all your care on God: that anchor holds.

Know how sublime a thing it is to suffer and be strong.

Care that broods with drooping wing only broods of care will bring.

Every day has its care; but each care has its day.

Be careful or you may be full of cares.

**Caution.**

Better be a coward for a minute than lose your life.

He that fights and runs away, may live to fight another day; but he that's in the battle slain, will never live to fight again.

Better they should say, "There he ran away" than "There he died."

Vessels large may venture more, but little boats should keep near the shore.

**Censure.**

The censure of our opponents is complimentary to us.

Men will lessen what they cannot imitate.

Virtue is not secure against envy.

Let thy pride pardon what thy nature needs, the salutary censure of a friend.

**Certainty.**

Certainty is the father of right and the mother of history.

Nothing is certain in this world but death and taxation.

He that leaves certainty and trusts to chance,
When fools pipe, he may dance.

**Character.**

A character, like a kettle, once mended, always requires repairs.

The great hope in society is in individual character.

Your character cannot be essentially ruined except by your own acts.

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.

Sow an act, reap a habit,
Sow a habit, reap a character,
Sow a character, reap a destiny.

Character is higher than intellect.

Character is what we are in the dark.

A religious element is essential to a perfect character.

**Charity.**

Charity covereth a multitude of sins.

He who has no charity deserves no mercy.

Men should show charity to offenders.

To pity distress is human, to relieve it Godlike.

The golden key that opens heaven's gates.

Give not grudgingly, for the Lord loves a cheerful giver.

Charity begins at home but should not end there.

Charity is the scope of all God's commandments.

Generosity never impoverished a man, nor robbery enriched him, nor prosperity made him wise.

The conqueror is regarded with awe, the wise man commands our esteem, but it is the benevolent man who wins our affections.

Remember that charity thinketh no evil, much less repeats it.

Cast thy bread upon the waters; God will know of it, if the fishes do not.

There are two good rules that ought to be written on every heart—never believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it to be true; never tell even that unless you feel it absolutely necessary, and that God is listening while you tell it.

The hand that gives, gathers.

One hand opened in charity is worth a hundred folded in prayer.

There are many people who continually pray to God to give, give, give; but when the poor appeal to them for help they turn away.

**Cheerfulness.**

Cheerfulness has been called the bright weather of the heart.

A cheerful spirit moveth quick—a grumbler in the mud will stick.

Be always as cheerful as ever you can, for few will delight in a sorrowful man.

Nothing more communicative than the moderate joy of cheerfulness.

To be cheerfully disposed at hours of meat, sleep and exercise, is one of the best precepts of long lasting.

Cheerfulness is the best promoter of health.

Give us, oh give us, the man who sings at his work.

Age without cheerfulness is like a Lapland winter without the sun.

An ounce of cheerfulness is worth a pound of sadness.

The habit of looking at the bright side of things is better than an income of a thousand a year.

Cheerfulness costs nothing and yet it is invaluable.

Try for a day to keep yourself in an easy and cheerful frame of mind.

A little word in kindness spoken,
A motion or a tear,
Has often healed a heart that's broken,
And made a friend sincere.

**Cheating.**

He is most cheated who cheats himself.

He who cheats in small things is a fool.

He who cheats me once, shame for him; but he who cheats me twice, shame for me.

**Children.**

Let the child's first lesson be obedience, and the second may be what thou wilt.

The house without children is a cemetery.

Only in their mirth is a house complete.

Little children and headaches, and great children and heartaches.

Children have more need of models than of critics.

Children are poor men's riches.

Give to a pig when it grunts and a child when it cries, and you will have a fine pig and a bad child.

When children stand quiet they have done some mischief.

Suffer the children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

My son's my son till he gets him a wife; my daughter's my daughter the rest of her life.

He will not blush that hath a father's heart
To take in childish plays a childish part,
But bends his sturdy back to any toy
That youth takes pleasure in, to please his boy.
Delightful task! to rear the tender thought,
To teach the young idea how to shoot,
To pour the fresh instruction o'er the mind,
To breathe th' enlivening spirit, and to fix
The generous purpose in the glowing breast.
O thou child of many prayers,
Life hath quicksands, life hath snares.

**Church.**

All are not saints that go to church.

Religion lies more in walk than in talk.

A church debt is the devil's salary.

Religion is not an end, but a means.

Most men forget God all day, and ask Him to remember them at night.

Men will wrangle for religion; write for it; fight for it; die for it; anything but live for it.

People take more pains to be damned than to be saved.

We are usually the best men when in the worst health.

**Circumstances.**

We are often victims of circumstances. They are beyond man's control.

**Civility.**

A man without a smiling face should not open a shop.

Three things are requisite in business: Knowledge, temper, and time.

A civil denial is better than a rude grant.

Civility costs nothing and buys everything.

**Civilization.**

As are families so is society.

Civilization attains its highest growth when Christianity prevails, and woman is exalted to her normal position.

**Citizenship.**

Voters are the uncrowned kings who rule the nation.

A second-rate man can never make a first-rate citizen.

Every good man in politics wields a power for good.

If you want a clean city, vote to place the government in clean hands.

The ideal citizen is the man who believes that all men are brothers, and that the nation is merely an extension of his family.

A great nation is made only by worthy citizens.

Nothing is politically right that is morally wrong.

The noblest principle in education is to teach how best to live for one's country.

The good citizen will never consent that his voice and vote shall sanction a public wrong.

Let our object be our country, our whole country, and nothing but our country.

**Cleanliness.**

Cleanliness is next to Godliness.

**Cold.**

As the day lengthens the cold strengthens.

**Common Sense.**

A handful of common sense is worth a bushel of learning.

Learning is not wisdom any more than cloth is clothes.

There are forty men of wit to one man of sense.

Better sense in the head than cents in the pocket.

Better be wise, and look simple,
Than look wise, and be simple.

The price of wisdom is above rubies.

Reason governs a wise man and cudgels a fool.

The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool.

Fools are the wise man's leader.

Wise men learn more from fools than fools from the wise.

Common sense is not common.

**Community.**

Municipal government should be entirely divorced from party politics.

Too many of our citizens fail to realize that local government is a worthy study.

Every citizen should be ready to do his full part

in the service of the community in which he lives.

Each separate township needs men who will inspire respect and command confidence.

Let the man who, without good excuse, fails to vote, be deprived of the right to vote.

Man is selfish as well as social.

We must not take too narrow a view of public life.

Our one supreme object should be to raise the tone of our citizenship.

The motto of every good citizen should be, "the best means to promote the greatest good to the greatest number."

**Companions.**

No company is preferable to bad.

Keep good company and you'll be of them.

Birds of a feather flock together.

Wicked companions invite us to hell.

**Comparisons.**

Comparisons are odious.

Failure is success to thee if thou could'st read all truth.

The epicure puts his purse into his belly, and the miser his belly into his purse.

Most haste, worst speed.

To err is human, to forgive divine.

Better an egg to-day than a hen to-morrow.

The worst wheel always creaks most.

He who decries wants to buy.

To obey is better than sacrifice.

He is the greatest conqueror who has conquered himself.

A man of straw needs a woman of gold.

Better the child cry than the mother sigh.

He buys honey dear who has to lick it off thorns.

What the fool does in the end the wise man does in the beginning.

In prosperity caution, in adversity patience.
One often has need of a lesser than oneself.
Better once in heaven than ten times at the gate.
More people are slain by suppers than by swords.
Who has love in his heart has spurs in his sides.
The joys of sense to mental joys are mean.
Who paints me before blackens me behind.
Wise men learn by other men's mistakes, fools by their own.
He that falls into sin is a man; that grieves at it, is a saint; that boasteth of it, is a devil.

**Complaisance.**

The true art of being agreeable is to appear rather to receive entertainment from others than to bring entertainment to them.
Complaisance renders a superior amiable, an equal agreeable, and an inferior acceptable.

**Compliments.**

Compliments cost nothing, yet many pay dearly for them.
In society, compliments are the loans which the lenders expect to be repaid with heavy interest.
He who shoots compliments, unless he take good aim, may miss his mark, and be wounded by the recoil.

**Conceit.**

Conceit may puff a man up but never prop him up.
Self-conceit indicates a small and narrow mind.
A man pleased with himself likes not to hear another praised.
The conceited man has one admirer who will never go back on him.

**Concentration.**

It is the men with one idea who have changed the face of the world by sticking to a simple aim.

He that hunts two hares at once will catch neither.

With too many irons in the fire some will burn.

Doing everything is doing nothing.

The man who seeks one thing in life, and but one, will generally attain it.

Success grows out of struggles to overcome difficulties.

The important thing in life is to have a great aim and the determination to attain it.

A healthy definite purpose is a remedy for a thousand ills.

The evidence of superior genius is the power of intellectual concentration.

Concentration begins with the habit of attention.

People who have concentration never make excuses.

Mental shiftlessness is the cause for many a failure.

The world is full of unsuccessful men who have spent their lives letting down empty buckets into empty wells.

**Condemnation.**

Men condemn what they do not comprehend.

Compound for sins they are inclined to by damning those they have a mind to.

**Confession.**

Confession of a fault makes half amends.

Confessions are good for the soul.

A fault confessed is a fault redressed.

A fault denied is twice committed.

**Confidence.**

If you confide in a friend you must always take care of that friendship.

Confidence is of slow growth; it cannot be born in a day.

Confidence begets confidence.

Trust him not who has once broken faith.

Society is built upon confidence in the integrity of others.

**Conqueror.**

He is twice a conqueror who can restrain himself in the hour of victory.

They conquer who believe they can.

It is no small conquest to overcome yourself.

**Conscience.**

A guilty conscience needs no accuser.

In matters of conscience first thoughts are best.

Conscience doth make cowards of us all.

Cowardice asks is it safe?

To be a safe guide conscience must be enlightened by the spirit of God.

A clear conscience is a soft pillow.

He that loses his conscience has nothing left that is worth keeping.

To live with no conscience is to live like a beast,
To live with good conscience a perpetual feast.

Conscience is the voice of the soul; the passions are the voice of the body.

A quiet conscience need never sneak.

An evil conscience is always fearful and unquiet.

Keep conscience clear, then never fear.

Conscience does not teach us what is right; we learn that from experience.

**Conscientiousness.**

Conscientiousness is the underlying granite of life.

When love of praise takes the place of praise-worthiness the defect is fatal.

When a man is dead to the sense of right he is lost forever.

The value of conscientiousness is principally seen

in the benefits of civilization.

Conscientiousness is an inborn desire to do right.

A well-trained life is filled with the light of conscience.

**Constancy.**

It is the foundation of all virtue.

Without constancy there is no virtue, love or friendship in the world.

**Contempt.**

Contempt is the sharpest reproof, and is usually borne worse than real injury.

Contempt makes the contemned feel smaller than anything else.

**Content.**

No tent so good to live in as content.

A contented man is always rich.

A contented mind is a continual feast.

When one has not what one likes, one must like what one has.

Enough is as good as a feast.

Taking things as they come does not wear one out so fast as dodging them.

If I have lost my ring I still have my finger.

Better lose the anchor than the whole ship.

Make the best and leave the rest.

Content can rear a garden in a desert waste.

Contentment is happiness, an inexhaustible treasure.

**Controversy.**

Nonsense can be defended but by nonsense.

Arguing with a fool shows there are two.

Fools, for arguments, use wagers.

In too much controversy the truth is lost.

**Corporations.**

Corporations have neither bodies to be kicked, nor souls to be damned.

Corporations are soulless.

**Correction.**

Correction does much, but encouragement more.

Encouragement after censure is the sun after a shower.

**Counsellors.**

In a multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Seek a wise counsellor.

**Country.**

Go into the country to hear the news of the town.

Thou, too, sail on, O ship of State!
Sail on, O Union, strong and great!
Humanity with all it fears,
With all the hopes of future years,
Is hanging breathless on thy fate!

**Courage.**

Conscience is the basis of courage.

Intrepid courage is the fountain of victory.

The brave man is not he who feels no fear, but whose noble soul subdues its fears and bravely dares the danger: thus is moral courage higher than physical.

A bold attempt is half success.

A brave man is one who knows his danger and faces it.

True courage in danger is half the battle.

He is master of another man's life who is indifferent to his own.

Looking a difficulty squarely in the face will often kill it.

Faint heart ne'er won fair lady.

A courageous man never wants weapons.

Courage should be directed by skill, and skill armed with courage.

The best hearts are always the bravest.

In noble souls valor does not wait for years.

Courage is always greatest when blended with meekness.

A brave man hazards life, but not his conscience.

A great deal of talent is lost in the world for want of a little courage.

**Court.**

Legal definition: A court is a place wherein justice is judicially administered.

Popular understanding: A court is a place where injustice is judicially administered.

**Courtesy.**

Nothing can constitute good breeding that has not good nature for its foundation.

We can be amiable without being weak.

True courtesy springs from genuine goodness.

To be truly courteous one must think first of others, last of one's self.

Let us not be so busy as to forget the gracious acts and delicate courtesies of everyday life.

Conduct is three-fourths of life.

There is no policy like politeness.

Life is not so short but there is time enough for courtesy.

The courtesies of small and trivial character are the ones which strike deepest to the grateful and appreciating heart.

The young owe due respect to their elders.

Good manners constitute the proof of a noble character.

**Courtship.**

Marriage is a feast where the grace is sometimes better than the dinner.

The lass that has many wooers oft fares the worst.

**Covetousness.**

Covetousness is harder to cure than cancer.

Grasp no more than thy hand will hold.

He that grasps at too much holds nothing fast.

Pour an ocean of melted gold down the throat of Avarice, and still its cry is, "Give, give."

The miser dies that fools and lawyers may live.

Nothing keeps the stingy man from stealing but the risks.

Who hath and buries, increaseth worries; who hath and spends, enjoyment lends.

**Cowardice.**

A man that is cruel is a man that is cowardly.

Many would be cowards if they had courage enough.

The only beast we ought to beat is the man who beats his beast.

Cowards are cruel, but the brave love mercy and delight to save.

Willing to wound, and yet afraid to strike,
Just hint a fault, and hesitate dislike.

A timid person is frightened before a danger, a coward during the time, and a courageous person afterwards.

**Cranks.**

Cranks strive to convince you, instead of letting you convince them.

Cranks move the world.

**Credit.**

Credit is better than ready money.

Who doesn't take care of his credit will soon have none to take care of.

If your credit is found dead in the road some day,
You may look for a murderer by the name of Bad Pay.

Who sells upon credit has much custom but little money.

Creditors have better memories than debtors. They are superstitious in their observance of set days and times.

**Crime.**

Fear is the punishment of crime.

If poverty is the mother of crime, lack of sense is the father of it.

The greater the man, the greater the crime.

A fellow feeling may be a righteous thing, if he hasn't been feeling for your pocket-book.

**Criticism.**

Criticism is easy, art is difficult.

God help the fool, said the idiot.

It is much easier to be critical than to be correct.

Said the kettle to the pan, "Stand aside, black man!"

Criticisms are cut-throat bandits in the paths of fame.

Every fool can find faults that the wise cannot remedy.

Said the sieve to the needle, "You have a hole in your head."

Other men's sins are before our eyes, our own behind our back.

Too many neglect their own fields to weed the fields of others.

Justly to discriminate, wisely to prescribe, and honestly to award, should be the aim of criticism.

The severest critics are those who have never at-

tempted or have failed in their literary undertaking.

**Crosses.**

Crosses are ladders which reach to heaven.

Everyone bears his own cross, and thinks it the heavier.

**Cruelty.**

Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn, but woman's inhumanity to woman makes countless millions mourn.

**Cunning.**

Cunning is the intensest rendering of vulgarity, absolute and utter.

Cunning is associated with small and dull conceit, and with an absolute want of sympathy or affection.

Cunning signifies especially a habit or gift of overreaching, accompanied with enjoyment and a sense of superiority.

**Curiosity.**

Like Lot's wife lots of wives.

It is better to let sleeping dogs lie.

Eve's vice was curiosity, the bane of her sex.

There is the curiosity of interest and the curiosity of pride.

Curiosity is the first and simplest action of the infant mind.

Who minds his own business has no time to mind other folks'.

He that pryeth into the clouds may be struck with a thunderbolt.

Meddling much finds little to please; meddling little, friends and ease.

**Curses.**

Who curses, praises the devil.

The lips that curse shall want bread.

Curses, like chickens, often come home to roost.

**Custom.**

Custom is often the antiquity of error.

Follow the custom or leave the country.

They only serve as reasons to the fool.

Man yields to custom, as he bows to fate.

Without reason custom is an ancient error.

New customs, however ridiculous, are followed.

Custom is the plague of wise men and the idol of fools.

Men think according to their inclinations, speak according to their knowledge and opinions, but generally act according to custom.

**Dancing.**

A ball room is the scene of moving beauty.

People move easiest and most gracefully who dance well.

Formerly dancing was a religious service, whereas now it is an active dissipation.

**Dandy.**

Nature sometimes makes a fool, but a coxcomb is always of his own making.

Dandy is a thing that would be a young lady if he could, but as he can't, does all he can to show the world he's not a man.

**Danger.**

Danger precedes victory.

A danger foreseen is half avoided.

The danger past, and God forgotten.

Beware of a silent dog and still water.

A common danger produces unanimity.

Better face a danger than to be always in fear.

To be dexterous in danger is a virtue, but to court danger is folly.

**Daughter.**

Some feelings are to mortals given
With less of earth in them than Heaven;
And if there be a human tear
From passion's dross refined and clear—
A tear so limpid and so meek
It would not stain an angel's cheek,
'Tis that by pious father shed
Upon a duteous daughter's head.

**Days.**

Thirty days hath September, April, June and November;
Each of the rest has thirty-one.
Except February alone,
Which has but twenty-eight in fine,
'Till Leap Year gives it twenty-nine.

**Death.**

'Tis not the whole of life to live, nor all of death to die.

So coldly sweet, so deadly fair, we start, for soul is wanting there.

By medicine life is prolonged, yet death will seize the doctor, too.

Men may live like fools, but fools they cannot die.

Death is simply the soul's change of residence, a commingling of eternity with time.

Death is the golden key that opens the place of eternity.

It is but the drooping of the flower that the fruit may mature.

To live in hearts we leave behind us is not to die.

We die as we live.

In the midst of life we are in death.

Act as if each day was thy last.

Death cannot come untimely to him who is fit to die, for it matters not at what time the righteous fall asleep.

He who always serves his God is ready whenever He calls.

He may cry, "Oh, death, where is thy sting? oh, grave, where is thy victory?"

God does not lose us in the dust of death.

Here tired Dissimulation drops her mask.

People would not die so fast if they did not live so fast.

The young may die; the old must.

For death is but a covered way
That opens into light,
Wherein no blinded child can stray
Beyond the Father's sight.

Death hath nothing terrible in it but what life hath made.

Death has no advantage but when it comes as a stranger.

If death be terrible, the fault is not in death, but in thee.

Death cuts the saints down, but it cannot keep them down.

There are no greater difficulties in connection with the resurrection than with the present life.

I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth on Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

There is no flock, however watched and tended,
But one dead lamb is there;
There is no household, howsoe'er defended,
But has one vacant chair.

**Debt.**

Live within your means.

Debt is the worst poverty.

He who pays his debts grows rich.

A man in debt is caught in a net.

Happy is the man that owes nothing.
Better a paid porkchop than a turkey on tick.
Better go to bed supperless than rise in debt.
A small house is better than a large mortgage.
Pay as you go is better than a large mortgage.
Pay as you go is the philosopher's stone.
It is hard to pay for bread that has been eaten.
If you pay as you go what you're worth you'll know.
Poor, without debt, is a softer pillow than that of any prince.
He who more than he's worth doth spend, makes a rope his life to end.
The only justification for debt is the immediate prospect of profit.
He is sowing the seeds of sorrow who spends to-day what he earns to-morrow.

**Deceit.**

A false witness shall not be unpunished.
It is easy to tell a lie, hard to tell but one.
If others say how good you are, ask yourself if it is true.
Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive!
Treason doth never prosper; what's the reason?
For if it prosper none dare call it treason.

Judas, dost thou betray me with a kiss?
Canst thou find hell about my lips? and miss
Of life, just at the gates of life and bliss?
The wretch that often has deceived,
Though truth he speaks, is ne'er believed.

The surest way of making a dupe, is to let your victim suppose you are his.

**Delay.**

Delays often have dangerous ends.
This day is the best day of the year.
God keep us from moaning, "Too late! too late!"
Where duty is plain delays are dangerous.

**Deliberation.**

Deliberating is not delaying.
Forethink though you cannot fortell.
A little forethought may save much after talk.
Deliberate slowly, execute promptly.

**Delusion.**

The worst deluded are the self-deluded.
The worst delusions are as necessary to our happiness as realities.
When our vices quit us, we flatter ourselves that we have left them.

**Desire.**

First deserve, then desire.
The wish is parent to the thought.
He has no wants who has no desire.
Lack of desire is the greatest of riches.

**Destiny.**

That which must be will be.
Man proposes, but God disposes.
We make destiny the scapegoat of our follies and vices, the dark apology for every error.

**Despair.**

Despair defies even despotism.
Despair is the gateway to insanity.
To doubt and despond invite failure.
Despair is the damp of hell, as joy is the serenity of heaven.

**Devil.**

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light.

The devil can cite Scripture to suit his purpose.

Better keep the de'il out than turn him out.

Your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

**Devotion.**

Prayer is the gate of Heaven.

The secret heart is devotion's temple.

The sighs of the penitent reach Heaven, when pealed hymns often are scattered by the winds.

**Diet.**

Hunger is the best sauce.

Health is better than wealth.

God sends meat, and the devil sends cooks.

God cures and the doctor takes the fee.

He that wants health wants everything.

Eat little at dinner, less at supper, sleep aloft, and you will live long.

**Difficulties.**

Difficulties test your capacity.

Difficulty is a severe instructor.

It is hard to swim against the current.

It is difficult for an empty bag to stand upright.

It is hard to suffer wrong and then pay for it.

It is difficult to be high and yet humble.

The greatest difficulties lie where we do not expect them.

Difficulty strengthens the mind, as labor the body.

He who wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill.

**Diligence.**

Employment is Nature's physician.

Constant occupation prevents temptation.

Diligence in all things is the strongest fulcrum of success.

If thou hast gathered nothing in thy youth, how canst thou find anything in thine age?

The world is full of beauty,
As brighter worlds above;
And if we do our duty
It might be full of love.

The consciousness of duty performed gives us music at midnight.

**Discussion.**

Reply with wit to gravity, and with gravity to wit.

He who is not open to conviction is not qualified for discussion.

Give him credit for all argument you know you can answer, and slur over those you feel you cannot.

**Disappointments.**

Oft expectation fails where most it promises.

The disappointments of manhood succeed the delusions of youth.

The shores of existence are strewn with failures.

**Disparagement.**

It is absurd for a man to depreciate himself.

A man should never tell tales of himself to his own disadvantage.

**Discontent.**

The present is the worst.

Discontent is the want of self-reliance.

Few things are more miserable than discontent.

The remedy for discontent is to count our mercies.

Discontent arises more from our desires than from our wants.

No man was ever discontented with this world who did his duty in it.

**Discretion.**

An ounce of discretion is worth a pound of wit.

Discretion in speech is more than eloquence.

**Disease.**

A disease known is half cured.

The remedy is often worse than the disease.

Half of our maladies come from the neglect of the body and overwork of the brain.

**Doubt.**

Who doubts, errs not.

The vain man is generally a doubter.

Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt.

I hold it cowardice to rest mistrustful where a noble heart hath pawned an open hand in sign of love.

**Doctors.**

An ape may chance sit amongst the doctors.

Go not to the doctor for every ail, nor to the pitcher for every thirst.

If the doctor cures the sun sees it, but if he kills the earth hides it.

Someone said he didn't see how doctors could meet without laughing in each other's faces.

**Dogmatism.**

Dogmatism is arrogance in opinion.

Dogmatism is puppyism arrived at maturity.

**Dreams.**

The relations of time and space are annihilated, and the most glaring anachronisms exist in dreams.

They display boundless imagination.

Who can tell what a dream is?

They are the offspring of late eating and indigestion.

Pudding is the stuff that makes dreams.

Poor wretches, who depend on greatness' favor, dream as I have done, awake, and find nothing.

Let not our disturbed dreams affect our souls.

**Dress.**

Good clothes open all doors.

Fashion wears out more apparel than the man.

He is best dressed whose dress no one observes.

Loveliness is, when unadorned, adorned the most.

The nickel-plating gives no power to the engine.

New shoes never squeak but in walking down a church aisle.

The possession of clean linen gives moral strength.

Birds with bright plumage do not always make good pie.

Only a known rich man can afford to wear a shabby coat.

If thou are clean and warm, it is sufficient; for more doth rob the poor and please the wantons.

Fond pride of dress is sure a dreadful curse; it shows an empty head, and makes an empty purse.

Eat to please thyself; dress to please others.

Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy.
But not expressed in fancy; rich, not gaudy;
For the apparel oft proclaims the man.

**Drunkenness.**

Satan's palace—the gin palace.

Ardent spirits are evil spirits.

Whisky drinking is risky drinking.

Where there is drink there is danger.

Wine has drowned more men than water.

The best side of a public house is the outside.

There is a devil in every berry of the grape.

More have been drowned in the bowl than in the sea.

First the distiller, then the doctor, then the undertaker.

Drink injures a man externally, internally and eternally.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Thousands drink themselves to death before one dies of thirst.

Drinking water neither makes a man sick, nor in debt, nor his wife a widow.

The best cure for drunkenness is while sober to see a drunken man.

Oh, that men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains!

Drunkenness turns a man out of himself, and leaves a beast in his room.

He who quarrels with a drunken man injures one who is absent.

Drunkenness calls off the watchman from their towers.

Whiskey is an excellent thing for preserving a corpse.

Drunkenness robs men of reason, reputation and property, and renders them unfit for human society, degrading them below beasts.

When a man strives to convince you that he is sober, you may rest assured that he is half drunk.

A drunkard is a true philosopher, for he thinks that the world goes round.

Drunkenness ruins health, injures the mind and unmans men.

**Dupe.**

The head is always the dupe of the heart.

The best way to make a man your dupe is to lead him to suppose he has fooled you.

**Duty.**

Pray devoutly, and hammer stoutly.
The path of duty is the way to glory.
Duty, by habit, is to pleasure turned.
God helps the sailor, but he must row.
There is not a moment without some duty.
A sense of duty pursues us ever and everywhere.
If everyone would mend one, all would be amended.

I slept, and dreamed that life was beauty;
I woke, and found that life was Duty.

If each would sweep before his own door we should have a clean street.

So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
When duty whispers low, "Thou must,"
The youth replies, "I can."

Practise in life what thou prayest for, and leave the rest to God.

Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it.

He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will find the flaw when he may have forgotten its cause.

**Early Rising.**

Early rest makes early rising sure.
The morning hour has gold in its mouth.
The energetic man and his bed are soon parted.
Arise with the lark, but avoid larks in the evening.
The early riser is healthy, cheerful and industrious.
Rise early and you will observe; labor, and you will have.

He who doth not rise early never does a good day's work.

Early to rise and late to bed, lifts again the debtor's head.

He who rises late may run all day and not overtake his business.

Early to bed and early to rise, make a man healthy, wealthy and wise.

He that would thrive must arise at five, he that has thriven may lie until seven.

Nature gives six hours' sleep, custom seven, laziness nine, and wickedness eleven.

**Earnestness.**

Earnestness is the soul of work.

Victory belongs to the most energetic.

Earnestness is enthusiasm tempered by reason.

To impress others we must be earnest.

The real difference between men is energy.

What you want in earnest you will get.

Earnestness is the devotion of all the faculties.

Without earnestness no man executes great things.

Earnestness is the soul of work; there is no substitute for it.

Without earnestness no man executes great things. things.

Earnestness gives brain and is the source of mental power.

Earnestness gives endurance, overcomes pain, strengthens weakness, braves dangers, sustains hope and lightens difficulties.

Things come easier when you try your level best.

**Eccentricities.**

Eccentricities may attend genius, but they are blemishes.

Even beauty cannot palliate eccentricities.

**Economy.**

A good driver turns in a small space.

He who begins and does not finish loses his labor.

Take care to be an economist in prosperity; there is no fear of your being one in adversity.

Little by little he got to be rich,
By saving of candle-ends and "sich."

Beware of little expenses; a small leak will sink a great ship.

Get all you can and what you get hold.

Economy is the philosopher's stone that turns all to gold.

One's never rich until he commences
To keep ahead of his expenses.

Better the house too small one day than too large the rest of the year.

'Tis too late to spare when the pocket is bare.

The sole sign of being in his senses is learning to reduce one's expenses.

Nothing is cheap which is superfluous.

What one does not need is dear at any price.

Take care of the pennies and the pounds will take care of themselves.

Economy is half the battle of life.

**Education.**

Every man stamps his value on himself.

No capital earns such interest as personal culture.

Education is the chief defense of nations.

One of the best effects of thorough intellectual training is a knowledge of our capacities.

Knowledge planted in youth giveth shade in old age.

Even to rebuild the temple the school must not be closed.

The ass is not learned, though he be loaded with books.

Education begins with life. The end of education is to discipline rather than to furnish the mind; to train it to use its own powers, rather than to fill it with the accumulation of others.

One great object of education is repression, self-control, discipline of the feelings.

Observation more than books, experience rather than persons, are the prime educators.

Education is the leading or drawing out of the mental powers.

Instruction ends in the school room, but education ends only with life.

Without morality, educated men become devils.

Learning and laths will never build walls,
Unless there be something to nail to.

Live to learn and you will learn to live.

Who knows he knows nothing knows much.

There is no royal road to learning.

It is a pity those who taught us to talk could not have taught us when to hold our tongues.

'Tis education forms the common mind, just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined.

What sculpture is to a block of marble education is to the soul.

An investment in knowledge always pays high interest.

Education is a companion which no misfortune can depress, no crime destroy, no enemy alienate, no disposition enslave.

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than many regiments of soldiers.

Education gives fecundity of thought, copiousness of illustration, quickness, vigor, fancy, words and illustrations.

**Egotism.**

Egotism is the offspring of vanity.

Christian piety destroys egotism; worldly politeness represses and veils it.

Never speak well nor ill of yourself. If well, men will not believe you; if ill, they will believe a great deal more than you say.

**Elevator.**

The elevator boy helps many people to rise in the world.

**Eloquence.**

Orators, like poets, are born, not made.

Eloquence cannot be brought from afar,
It cannot be taught in the schools.

Eloquence must exist, if it exist at all, in the man, in the subject, and in the occasion.

True eloquence consists of saying just enough.

Brevity improves eloquence, action is its life.

**Employment.**

The highest prize of life, the crowning fortune of man, is to be born to some pursuit which finds him employment and happiness; whether it be to make baskets or broadswords, or carols or songs.

Pleasure soon exhausts us and itself also, but endeavor never does.

Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness.

**Emulation.**

Emulation seeks merit that she may exalt herself by victory. Competition of two or more for the same thing.

The oak that so spreadeth its branches towards the heavens was once but an acorn in the bowels of the earth.

Endeavor to be first in thy calling whatever it may be.

Let no one go before thee in well doing; nevertheless do not envy the merits of another, but improve thine own talents.

**Encouragement.**

Nothing so inspires with courage, hope and confidence as encouragement.

What heart of man is proof against applause? Applause is the spur of noble minds. It incites to greater deeds. It rouses; it strengthens. It impels man to do his very best.

**Enemies.**

An enemy does not sleep.

Every one carries an enemy in his own breast.

A quarrel in an enemy's house is refreshing.

One enemy can do more harm than ten friends can benefit you.

If you desire enemies excel others.

Better an open enemy than a false friend.

Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you.

Every man has enemies of whom he is proud.

The man that makes a character makes foes.

To love an enemy is the greatest proof of true piety.

He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare,
He who has one enemy shall meet him everywhere.

He's on his guard who knows his enemy.

**Enthusiasm.**

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm is the genius of sincerity, and truth accomplishes no victories without it.

Every great and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of enthusiasm.

A true man is earnest, therefore enthusiastic.

Christianity is the enthusiasm of humanity.

Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm is a fundamental quality of strong souls.

The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he gives himself for a principle.

Enthusiasm is the romance of the boy that becomes the heroism of the man.

Enthusiasm is life lit up and shining.

Enthusiasm is the element of success in everything.

Enthusiasm makes weak men strong and timid women courageous.

Gladstone says that what is really wanted is to light up the spirit that is in the boy.

Every production of genius owes its origin to it.

**Envy.**

He who envies another admits his own inferiority.

Better the envy of enemies than the pity of friends.

Envy has no other quality than to detract from virtue.

Envy is a passion full of shame, which nobody acknowledges.

Every other sin has some pleasure with it, or will admit of some excuse.

If on a sudden he begins to rise, no man who lives can count his enemies.

Envy hates the excellence it cannot reach.

Envy is a kind of praise.

> Live as far above envy as ever you can,
> For better a dog than an envious man.

The surest proof of being endowed with noble qualities is to be free from envy.

Envy shoots at others but hits itself.

The greatest mischief you can do the envious is to do well.

Envy slayeth the silly ones.

Envy is the rottenness of the bones.

Envy is blind, and knows nothing except to depreciate the excellencies of others.

The envious man waxeth lean with the fatness of his neighbor.

Envy assails the noblest as the winds howl 'round the highest peak.

**Error.**

We are liable to make mistakes, but the other fellow blunders.

It is natural to blame other persons for our mistakes.

Errors are not so much false statements as partial ones.

It is much easier to meet with error than to find truth; error is on the surface, and can be more easily met with; truth is hid in great depths, and the way to seek it does not appear to all the world.

To err is human, to forgive divine.

Men err from selfishness, women because they are weak.

**Eternity.**

Eternity is a circle running into itself, whose centre is always, and circumference nowhere.

Eternity is a beginning, continuing, never ending, always beginning.

Eternity to the godly is a day that has no sun-setting; but eternity to the wicked is a night that has no sun-rising.

A sound head, an honest heart and an humble spirit are the best guides to eternity.

The thought of life that ne'er shall cease has something in it like despair.

Time flies, death urges, heaven invites, hell threatens.

He who takes truth for his guide and duty for his end may safely trust to God's providence to lead him aright.

**Evidence.**

One eye-witness is better than ten hearsays.

Hearsay evidence is inadmissible, except as to reputation.

**Evil.**

A wicked man is his own hell.

Evil to him who evil thinks.

There is no peace for the wicked.

The heart can ne'er a transport know which never feels a pang.

Evil communications corrupt good manners.

> The good are better made by ill,
> As odors diffused are sweeter still.

Of two evils choose neither, if you can help it.

The wicked shun the light, as the devil the cross.

Every bad man secretly respects the good.

If you associate with the wicked, you will soon resemble them.

Bad mind, bad heart.

The fear of evil exceeds the ills we dread.

Depart from evil and do good.

The evil that men do lives after them, the good is often interred with their bones.

We all have sufficient fortitude to bear the ills of another.

**Example.**

Example is better than precept.

Example is the softest and least invidious way of commanding.

We reform others unconsciously when we act uprightly.

A godly life is the strongest argument you can offer the sceptic.

It is a good preacher who follows his own instructions.

If you would lift me you must be on higher ground.

A good example is the best sermon.

Better an ounce of example than a pound of advice.

Christ never wrote a tract, but He went about doing good.

He who lives well is the best preacher.

> Preachers can talk but never teach,
> Unless they practice what they preach.

It is generally safer to follow a man's advice than his example. Bad examples are worse than crimes.

**Excellence.**

There is no excellence without great labor.

**Excuses.**

A poor excuse is worse than none.

He that does amiss never lacks excuse.

Any excuse will serve when one has not a mind to do a thing.

The archer that shoots ill has a lie ready.

He that excuses himself accuses himself.

A bad workman always complains of his tools.

One good at making excuses is good for nothing else.

Excuses are worse than lies; they are lies guarded.

That which is customary requires no excuse.

Do not accuse others in order to excuse thyself, for it is neither generous nor fair.

An unasked excuse infers transgression.

**Expenditure.**

Always taking out of the meal tub and never putting in soon comes to the bottom.

A light purse makes a heavy heart.

Pay quickly what thou owest. The needy tradesman is made glad by such considerate haste.

Pay duly also those other petty gifts, the letter, or the visit, or the gift.

He that buys what he does not want must often sell what he does want.

A bad thing is dear at any price.

He that has but four and spends five has no need of a purse.

What costs little is little esteemed.

Cut your coat according to your cloth.

**Experience.**

Experience is the best teacher; it is the father of wisdom.

What you learn to your cost you remember long.

Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other.

Of all history the most instructive to a man is his own.

Experience is the father of wisdom, and memory the mother.

Even the fool is wise after the event.

He that has lived near the woods is not frightened by owls.

He must be a thorough fool who can learn nothing from his own folly.

> Experience joined to common sense
> To mortals is a providence.

Dexterity comes by experience.

Experience is a safe guide.

Experience teaches slowly, and at the cost of mistakes.

Experience is the test of wisdom, and is the great baffler of speculation.

Experience without learning is better than learning without experience.

**Extravagance.**

A fat kitchen makes a lean will.

Who spends before he thrives
Will beg before he dies.

Wilful waste brings woful want.

He that hath it and will not keep it,
He that wants it and will not seek it,
He that drinks and is not dry,
Shall want money as well as I.

**Extremes.**

Burn not your house to frighten the mice.

It is not the burden, but the overburden, that kills the beast.

Too far east is west.

Run not from one extreme to the other.

Avoid extrems and shun the fault of such
Who still are pleased too little or too much.

Avoid extremes which often meet.

**Eyes.**

Two eyes see more than one.

A chaste eye checks licentious looks.

The eyes are the windows of the soul.

An evil eye can see no good.

True eyes are too pure and honest in aught to disguise the sweet soul shining through them.

One of the most wonderful things in nature is a glance of the eye; it transcends speech.

If the eye do not admire the soul will not desire.

Trust the eye rather than the ear.

**Facts.**

From principle is obtained probability, but truth is obtained from facts only, which are stubborn things.

A single fact is worth a shipload of argument.

Facts are more powerful than words.

One fact is stronger than twenty texts.

**Failure.**

Failure is success to thee if thou could'st read all truth.

The only failure a man ought to fear is failure of cleaving to the purpose he sees to be best.

In the lexicon of youth there's no such word as fail.

The determined man succeeds where others fail.

**Faith.**

Faith lights the path to Heaven.

Faith is a higher faculty than reason.

God pleadeth with the deaf, as having ear to hear.

Let bigots fight for creeds, the good man hath the right one.

Live truly and thy life shall be a great and noble creed.

He does not believe that does not live according to his belief.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for—the evidence of things not seen.

The saddest thing that can befall a man is for him to lose faith in God.

Faith builds a bridge across the gulf of death.

Belief is the rudder by which life's ship is steered.

The man who believes is the man who achieves.

Christian faith is the soul's anchor. It is the root of all blessings; believe, and you shall be saved.

Who neither believes in heaven or hell,
The devil heartily wishes well.

Faith is the image of eternity.

He who believes only what he can fully comprehend must have a long head or a very short need.

He who believes is the one who achieves.

**Faults.**

He is lifeless that is faultless.

The first faults are theirs that commit them; the second, theirs that permit them.

No man is born without faults, but he is best who has the fewest.

If the best man's faults were written on his forehead he would pull down his hat.

Bad men excuse their faults; good men abandon them.

Nothing is easier than fault-finding.

What if the sun has spots on it?

A fault denied is twice committed.

A fault confessed is half redressed.

We confess to our little faults, only that we may conceal thereby our greater ones.

It is a greater merit to overcome faults than to be exempt from them.

Every one is on the lookout for his neighbor's faults.

It is a greater merit to overcome faults than to be excempt from them.

Faults of the head are punished in this world; faults of the heart in the future.

Condemn the fault, but not him who commits it.

A man will confess his faults, but never his follies.

Men have many faults, poor women have but two. There's nothing good they say and nothing right they do.

**Faithfulness.**

The secret of success in life is for a man to be faithful to all his duties and obligations.

The truest test of civilization is not the census, nor the size of the cities, nor the crops; but the kind of men the country turns out.

As the old birds sing the young ones twitter.

A good man seen, tho' silent, counsel gives:
The touch'd spectator wishes to be wise.

When you obey your superior you instruct your inferior.

Honesty is exact to a penny.

Faithfulness is the soul of goodness.

That which we love most in men and women is faithfulness.

Faithfulness in the daily routine of school work has laid the foundation of many a noble character.

I've alwaysy noticed that success
Is mixed with troubles, more or less,
And it's the man who does the best
Who gets more kicks than all the rest.

**Falsehood.**

Falsehood offends God and injures man.

The lie of fear is the refuge of cowardice, and the lie of fraud is the device of the cheat.

Half a fact is a whole falsehood.

Equivocation is first cousin to a lie.

A little lying is a dangerous thing; go your whole length or never make the spring.

None but cowards lie.

Liars should have good memories.

A great talker is usually a good liar.

A lie will go around the world while truth is pulling on its boots.

The man who cannot lie is dead.

Falsehood is the devil's daughter and speaks her father's tongue.

Many men would do less lying if their wives didn't ask so many infernal questions.

Sin has many tools, but lying fits a handle to all.

Liars are an abomination unto the Lord.

It is difficult to tell the exact truth, even about yourself.

Lying is the cause of all the crimes in the world.

He who tells a lie knows not how great a task he undertakes, for he may be compelled to invent twenty more to maintain one.

**Fame.**

Death makes no conquest of this conqueror,
For now he lives in fame, though not in life.

Fame is an accident usually discovered only by epitaphs,—a post-mortem tribute to a man's worth.

He lives in fame who died in virtue's cause.

You can prove your fame by being praised by good men or by being abused by rogues.

One crowded hour of virtuous life is worth an age without a name.

**Familiar Phrases.**

He's in clover.

He has given him leg bail.

To find a mare's nest.

To catch a Tartar.

To run a wild goose chase.

His bread is buttered on both sides.

He pins his faith on another man's sleeve.

I have other fish to fry.

Out of the frying pan into the fire.

Go farther and fare worse.

You measure everyone's corn in your own bushel.

I can see as far into the millstone as he that picks it.

To kill two birds with one stone.

He has waked up the wrong passenger.

To take the wrong pig by the ear.

Do unto others as they would do to you, but do it first.

Do others, or they'll do you.

He is put to bed with a shovel, i. e., buried.

I would trust him no farther than I could fling a bull by the tail.

God send you more wit and me more money.

**Familiarity.**

Familiarity breeds contempt.

A thing too much seen is little prized.

All objects lose by close inspection.

Great men grow less as you approach them.

**Fanaticism.**

Fanaticism is the offspring of false zeal and superstition, the father of intolerance and persecution.

Fanaticism disqualifies a man for the duties of life.

**Fashion.**

Avoid singularity in your attire.

Be not too early in fashion, nor too long out of it.

Fashion is the science of appearances, and inspires one with the desire to seem rather than to be.

To be happy is of far less consequence to the votaries of fashion than to appear so.

While this world lasts fashion will rule.

**Fate.**

Fate, defined invincible necessity. There is no such thing.

> Be still, sad heart, and cease repining,
> Behind the clouds is the sun still shining.
> Thy fate is the common fate of all;

Into each life some rain must fall,
Some days must be sad and dreary.

What must be shall be.

Fate is the friend of the good, the guide of the wise, the tyrant of the foolish, the enemy of the bad.

**Father.**

Often the father a saint and the son a devil.

A father's best virtue is his son's inheritance.

A son's best inheritance is his father's virtue.

A man soon learns how little he knows when a child begins to ask questions.

A father maintains ten children better than ten children maintain one father.

**Favor.**

Grace will last; favor will blast.

It is conferring a kindness to deny at once a favor which you intend to refuse.

**Fear.**

He who fears to suffer, suffers from fear.

The fear of God alone saves us from the fear of man.

He that handles a nettle tenderly is soonest stung.

Our fears are always more numerous than our dangers.

The water hath perils, but no man is able
To learn how to swim on his library table.

Let terrors come; one good remains to cheer;
We fear the Lord, and scorn all other fear.

Fear is the graveyard of prosperity.

Our fears are always more numerous than our dangers.

Fear guides more to duty than gratitude.

Concealed cowards insult known ones.

Fear is the tax which conscience pays to guilt.

Half our fears are baseless, and the other half discreditable.

Foolish fear doubleth danger.

Fear is worse than the pestilence.

Of all base passions fear is most accursed.

Good men have the fewest fears.

**Fee.**

Fee simple and simple fee, and all the fees in tail, are nothing when compared to thee, thou best of fees, female.

**Feeling.**

Thought is deeper than all language; feeling deeper than all thought.

In religion, faith does not spring out of feeling, but feeling out of faith.

**Fiction.**

Most fiction gives a distaste for solid reading.

Fiction dissipates the mind and weakens memory.

Fiction gives false ideas of life and its duties.

The most influential and popular books are works of fiction, as they rarify the lessons of life in an attractive form.

Man is a poetical animal and delights in fiction.

**Fidelity.**

The glory of a servant is fidelity.

Fidelity is three-fourths of success in business.

Fidelity is the sister of justice; her words are bonds, her oaths are oracles.

Let a man believe you suspect his fidelity and he will soon verify your opinion.

Were man but constant, he were perfect; that one error fills him with faults.

**Finery.**

All that glistens is not gold.

Gilded tombs do worms infold.

**Firmness.**

Firmness is a noble quality, but it often degenerates into obstinacy.

Firmness not guided by sound judgment and humility becomes obstinacy.

Gentleness is a concomitant of firmness.

**Flattery.**

When you have business with a man of business, give him title enough.

Flattery sits in the parlor while plain dealing is kicked out of doors.

Flattery is sweet food to those who can swallow it.

Many who would fight if offered a bribe may be flattered into jumping off a house.

He who attempts to flatter you evidently takes you to be a fool.

Men find it more easy to flatter than to praise.

Flattery is the food of fools, yet now and then your men of wit will condescend to take a bit.

A few profess to despise flattery.

When flatterers meet the devil goes to dinner.

Beware of flattery, 'tis a flowery weed
Which offends the very idol, Vice,
Whose shrine it would perfume.

Avoid flatterers, for they are thieves in disguise.

Flatterers are like cats that lick and then scratch.

'Tis an old maxim in the schools,
That flattery is the food of fools.

**Flowers.**

Flowers are the poetry of earth, as stars are the poetry of Heaven.

A simple flower may be shelter for a troubled soul.

No flower can bloom in Paradise that is not transplanted from Gethsemene.

**Folly.**

Folly as it grows in years
The more extravagant appears.

A man's follies are his worst foes.
Keep them secret.
Folly brings want and sadness.
The follies of youth bring repentance in old age.

**Food.**

One meal a day suffices for a lion, and ought to be enough for a man.
Regimen is better than physic.
We eat double the quantity nature requires.
Bread is the staff of life.
Half a loaf is better than no bread.
Feasting is the doctor's harvest.
Light suppers make long days.

**Fool.**

Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope of a fool than of him.
A fool can ask more questions in an hour than seven wise men can answer in a year.
All asses do not go on four feet.
If you would not see a fool, shut yourself up in your room and break your looking glass.
If all fools wore white caps we would look like a flock of geese.
A fool's heart is in his tongue; but a wise man's tongue is in his heart.

Who is a fool and makes not confession
Walks at the head of the fools' procession.

A man may admit he is a fool, but will make it hot for the fellow that arrives at the same conclusion.
All the fools are not dead yet.
Fools, like the poor, we have always with us.

The higher the ape goes the more he shows his tail.

There is no need to fasten a bell to a fool.

Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.

A fool and his money are soon parted.

A fool is a man that is wise too late.

**Forbearance.**

There is a limit where forbearance ceases to be a virtue.

**Foppery.**

Foppery is never cured; it is the bad stamina of the mind, which, like those of the body, are never rectified; once a coxcomb always a coxcomb.

**Foresight.**

Never cross a bridge before you reach it, nor halloo before you are out of the woods.

To bear the worst oft cures the worst.

Foresight is better than hard work.

If our foresight were as good as our hindsight we should never err.

**Forethought.**

Forethought saves much unavailing afterthought.

In life, as in chess, forethought wins.

Submit to small present ill to obtain future good.

Few things are brought to a happy issue by impetuous desire, but much by calm and prudent forethought.

**Forgiveness.**

To err is human, to forgive divine.

Most men are willing to forgive their enemies whom they cannot whip.

> I am loath to think the man is living
> That feels not better for forgiving.

Forgiveness to the injured does belong,
But they ne'er pardon who have done the wrong.

To return evil for good is devilish; good for good, human; good for evil, divine.

The highest charity is charity toward the uncharitable.

A good word for a bad one is worth much and costs little.

Lord, grant I may not have to live
With natures than cannot forgive.

Only the brave know how to forgive.

The offender never pardons.

All men are willing to forgive as soon as they have had a chance to get even.

Cowards never forgive.

Vicious minds abound with anger and revenge, and are incapable of forgiveness.

Forgetting a wrong is a mild revenge.

Forgiveness saves the expense of anger, and the cost of hatred.

**Fortitude.**

Resolute endurance—superior to courage.

It is easier to assault a bridge courageously than with fortitude to hold it without firing a shot; harder to bear than to do.

The mind I sway by, and the heart I bear,
Shall never sag with doubt, nor shake with fear.

**Fortress.**

The fortress that parleys soon surrenders.

**Fortune.**

Every man is said to be the architect of his own fortune.

Fortune knocks at every man's door once in a lifetime—sometimes not very hard.

It requires greater virtues to support good than bad fortune.

There are some men who are fortune's favorites, and who, like cats, alight forever upon their feet.

**Fox.**

When the fox preaches beware of your geese.

**Fraud.**

Fraud requires delay and intervals of guilt.

Fraud and deceit are always in haste.

Fraud is the resort of weakness and cunning.

**Freeman.**

He is a freeman whom the truth makes free, and all are slaves beside.

**Friendship.**

Real friendship is a slow grower, and never thrives unless engrafted upon a stock of known and reciprocal merit.

Never contract a friendship with a man that is not better than thyself.

A true friend is forever a friend.

The greatest blessing is a true friend.

Treat your friend as if some day he will become your enemy.

A friend in need is a friend indeed.

A treacherous friend is a most dangerous foe.

A rich friend is a treasure and a table friend changeable.

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few.

Fortune makes friends, misfortune tries them.

In time of prosperity friends will be plenty,
In time of adversity not one amongst twenty.

The day I break my faith with friends,
That day my right to friendship ends.

A man that hath friends must show himself friendly.

Without a friend, this world is a wilderness.

Defend me from my friends, I can defend myself from my enemies.

An open foe may prove a curse,
But a pretended friend is worse.

The best of friends must part.

Value the friendship of him who stands by you in storms. Swarms of insects will surround you in sunshine.

To suspect a friend is worse than to be deceived by him.

No friend is a friend until he shall have proved a friend.

True friendship, like sound health, is seldom valued until it be lost.

Friends are like melons, shall I tell you why?
To find one good you must a hundred try.

True friends visit us in prosperity only when invited, but in adversity they come without invitation.

Better friends can no man have than those whom God hath given.

He is my friend that helps me, and not he that pities me.

There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Absence strengtheneth friendship where the last recollections were kindly.

The best way to represent to life the manifold uses of friendship is to cast, and see how many things one cannot do for one's self.

Heaven gives us friends, to bless the present scene,
Removes them, to prepare us for the next.

Friendship made in a moment is of no moment.

Before you make a friend, eat a peck of salt with him.

The qualities of your friends will be those of your enemies: cold friends, cold enemies; half friends, half enemies; warm enemies, fervid friends.

What is friendship but a name?
A shade that follows wealth or fame:
A charm that lulls to sleep
And leaves the wretch to weep.

**Frugality.**

Industry and frugality produce wealth.

The world has not yet learned the riches of frugality.

Frugality is founded on the principle that all riches have limits.

He that is extravagant will quickly become poor, and poverty will enforce dependence and invite corruption.

Frugality is the mother of all virtues and their sure guardian.

Frugality comes too late when all is spent.

Frugality is the daughter of prudence, the sister of temperance, and the parent of liberty.

Habits of industry are a fair estate.

He that spareth in everything is a niggard, or hopelessly insane.

**Futurity.**

God hides from us the mysteries of the future life.

Divines but peep on undiscovered worlds,
And draw the distant landscape as they please;
But who has e'er returned from those bright regions
To tell their manners or relate their laws?

**Gains.**

There are no gains without pains; then help, hands, for I have no lands.

**Gallantry.**

Diffidence and awkwardness destroy love.

Gallantry consists in saying to females agreeable things in an agreeable manner.

**Gambling.**

Some play for game, some to pass away the time.

Gambling is to obtain money without giving an equivalent.

The best throw of the dice is to throw them away.

Young gambler, old beggar.

Gambling is the son of avarice and the father of despair.

Gambling is the path to suicide.

A pack of cards is the devil's prayer-book.

One rarely finds a rich gambler; easy winnings are lavishly expended.

Gambling is an express train to ruin.

Horse racing is a galloping consumption.

Gambling is play in name but crime in reality.

The devil goes shares in gambling.

A wager is a fool's argument.

**Gaiety.**

Gaiety is often the ripple over the depths of despair.

Often in the midst of mirth the heart is sad.

The gaiety of the wicked is like a thin crust of lava over the mouth of a volcano.

Gaiety is to good humor as perfume to vegetable fragrance; the one overpowers weak spirits, the other recreates and revives them.

**Gentleman.**

The acme of civilization is the perfect gentleman.

Open, loyal, true, humble and affable; honorable himself and in his judgment of others.

The gentleman is solid mahogany; the fashionable man is only veneer.

To all he is a gentleman. Punctuality and politeness are his inseparable companions.

### Gentleness.

We are indebted to Christianity for gentleness toward women.

Nothing is so strong as gentleness.

It accomplishes more than violence.

It is considerate, tender, sympathetic, refined.

### Gossip.

Fire and sword do less damage than does the babbler.

An empty brain and a tattling tongue are usually companions.

He is littlest who belittles others.

Many have fallen by the edge of the sword, but not so many as have fallen by the tongue.

When men speak ill of thee so live that no one will believe them.

It is the finest peach in the orchard that has the most stones thrown at it.

### Government.

The best government is that which governs least.

It is useless to make good laws for bad people.

Public sentiment is more potent than law.

Administration cannot be placed into too few hands and legislation into too many.

Govern thyself and thou canst govern others.

Those who cannot govern themselves should be governed.

The end of government is the happiness of the people.

Society is formed by individuals for mutual as-

sistance and individual protection, and government results, as necessary for the protection of society.

By wisdom peace, by peace plenty.

Good men are a public good.

Better a lean peace than a fat victory.

He that buys magistracy must sell justice.

Human laws reach not thoughts.

Kings have no power over souls.

Might overcomes right.

As is the government, so are the people.

The blood of the soldier makes the glory of the general.

The treason is loved, but the traitor is hated.

The trial is not fair where affection is judge.

**Genius.**

Common sense is genius in its working dress.

Genius is infinite painstaking.

If a man fails he is called a fool; if he succeeds, a genius.

A genius is born, not made.

Genius results from reason and imagination.

**Gifts.**

A present blindeth the eyes.

A present is cheap, but love is dear.

Presents make friendship warm.

He is more noble who deserves than he who confers benefits.

Whatever is given to the poor is laid up in heaven.

The last benefit is the one most remembered.

To give is honor, to beg disgrace.

To give tardily is to refuse.

He who giveth expecteth something in return.

He who gives you fair words feeds you with an empty spoon.

Give a grateful man more than he asks.

Much is expected where much is given.

Give because you love to give—as the flower pours forth its perfume.

To give and to lose is nothing; but to lose and to give still is the part of a great mind.

Who gives a trifle meanly is meaner than a trifle.

**Glory.**

Glory built on selfish principles is shame and guilt.

The glory of this life is transient.

Conscience is the true guide to glory.

The glory of any age is its coterie of great men.

**God.**

God is where he was.

God never made his work for men to mend.

Who hath God, hath all; who hath Him not, hath less than nothing.

God loves us, not for what we are, but for what he can make us.

God, pervading all, is in all things the mystery of each.

Mystery is God's name; He is the mystery of goodness.

God is a circle whose centre is everywhere and its circumference beyond space.

The glory of the Omnipotent bursts through everything.

There is a never-sleeping Eye, seeing our hidden faults.

Live near to Him, and your soul will be at peace.

All things proclaim the existence of a God.

God delays, but does not forget.

**Godliness.**

The good man standeth calm and strong, for God is his ally.

A good name is a sound inheritance.

A good action is never thrown away.

Goodness is the supreme beauty.
There is no good that doth not cost a price.
A good name keeps its lustre in the dark.
The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.

**Good.**

All good is the better for being diffused.
Good things go in a small compass.
Good words cost no more than bad.
Good words and no deeds are rushes and reeds.
Good words cool more than cold water.
A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children.
A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches; and loving favor rather than silver and gold.

> However it be, it seems to me
> 'Tis only noble to be good:
> Kind hearts are more than coronets,
> And simple faith, than Norman blood.

Learn the luxury of doing good.
Be not simply good; be good for something.

**Good Breeding.**

As charity covers a multitude of sins before God, so does politeness before man.

**Good Humor.**

Good humor is the health of the soul; sadness its poison.
Good humor collects honey from every herb.
Good sense and good nature are never separated; they are the product of reason.

**Good Nature.**

Good nature is the beauty of the mind, and is better than wit.
That inexhaustible good nature, which is the most precious gift of Heaven, spreads itself like oil over

the troubled sea of thought, and keeps the mind smooth and equable in the roughest weather.

**Good Temper.**

Good temper is like a summer day; it sheds its brightness everywhere.

**Grace.**

There is no growth without life.

Grace is opposed to sin.

Grace is the outward expression of the inward harmony of the soul.

Like stars, grace shines brightest in the dark.

It must be wrought in you through patient labor and suffering.

**Gratitude.**

Gratitude is not only the memory, but the homage of the heart.

Cicero called gratitude the mother of the virtues.

Gratitude to God makes even a temporal blessing a foretaste of heaven.

God dwells in a grateful heart.

To a generous mind gratitude is the heaviest debt, when it is not in our power to repay it.

Ingratitude is abhorred by God and man.

He that gives to the grateful man puts out to interest.

Better a grateful dog than an ungrateful man.

Hell is full of the ungrateful.

Like a grate full of coals I burn, a great house to see; and if I prove not grateful, too, a great fool I should be.

**Grave.**

A Christian graveyard is God's acre.

The ancients feared death; we fear dying.

There the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest.

**Greatness.**

No one, generally speaking, is great in more than one thing.

Superiority to circumstances marks the great man.

The greater they are, the more they realize their own deficiencies.

Great men have more admirers than friends.

Vile men are vain, great men proud.

Greatness is never less alone than when alone.

A solemn regard for spiritual things constitutes true greatness.

Only the good are great.

**Greed.**

He that grasps at too much holds nothing fast.

The miser dies that fools and lawyers may live.

Fools live poor to die rich; covetous men live drudges to die wretches.

**Grief.**

Every heart knoweth its own bitterness.

Light cares speak, great ones are dumb.

Our griefs how swift, our remedies how slow!

No grief is so acute but time softens it.

Grief softens the mind.

Great griefs are mute. There is eloquence in silent sorrow.

**Grit.**

A man of grit has lots of sand.

**Grumbling.**

Don't let the stream of your life be a murmuring stream.

Pigs grunt about everything and nothing: so do some people.

The only lot most men don't grumble at is their burial lot.

People complain from mere habit.

Those who complain most are most to be complained of.

Grumblers are an idle set.

**Guilt.**

A man will likely wince when a shoe begins to pinch.

The wicked flee when no man pursueth.

The thief at every sound doth jump, and sees an officer in every bush.

Successful guilt is the bane of society.

Guilt alone, like brain-sick frenzy in its feverish mood, fills the night-air with visionary terrors and shapeless forms of fear.

**Habit.**

Habit determines what we are.

Sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a whirlwind.

Character is simply habit become fixed.

Habit is a good friend, but a bad enemy.

Habit is a cable which, in time, we cannot break.

Happy is the man whose habits are his friends.

To break a bad habit put a good habit in its place.

Before we know it the foundations of character are laid.

The wisest habit is the habit of care in the formation of habit.

The chain of habit coils itself around the heart like a serpent.

The whole of character may be said to be comprehended in the word "habits."

Man is a bundle of habits.

Habits are soon assum'd, but when we strive
To strip them off, 'tis being flayed alive.

Ill habits gather by unseen degrees,
As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas.

In the great majority of things habit is a greater plague than ever afflicted Egypt.

There is not a quality or function either of body or mind which does not feel the influence of habit.

Habit is second nature.

Good habits result from resisting temptation; bad habits from yielding to it.

**Happiness.**

Joys shared with others are more enjoyed.

All who joy would win must share it; happiness was born a twin.

He is the happy man whose life e'en now
Shows somewhat of that happier life to come.

True happiness is to no place confined,
But still is found with a contented mind.

The happy only are the truly great.

Happiness is unrepented pleasure.

'Tis not what we have but what we enjoy that makes us happy.

Happiness is a bird all pursue but none catch.

Children and fools have merry lives.

No faculty so happy as the faculty of thinking you are happy.

The joy that isn't shared dies young.

A contented mind brings happiness; it consists in the enjoyment of the present hour.

The secret of happiness is in not allowing trifles to vex us.

No one is as unhappy as he imagines.

Happy is he who can live in peace and with his children.

To be employed is to be happy.

Happiness is not the end of life.

A man must live for something besides his own comfort.

There is no happiness without holiness.

It is not what we have, but what we enjoy, that makes us happy.

**Harvest.**

The future has a rich harvest in store for those who rightly cultivate the present.

**Haste.**

Do nothing hastily but catching fleas.

Too swift arrives as tardy as too slow.

Don't pick me up before I fall down.

Before the day breaks the rooster will crow; but then roosters haven't much sense, you know.

We act in haste and repent at leisure.

Haste makes waste, and waste makes want.

Haste not, rest not.

One says prudent haste is wisdom's leisure.

Wesley's maxim was a good one,—"Always be in haste, but never in a hurry."

Haste is of the devil, and often brings shame.

Haste is the beginning of wrath and brings repentance.

Hasty counsels are seldom prosperous.

Fraud and deceit are ever in a hurry.

Take time for all things.

Don't act in haste and repent at leisure.

**Hate.**

Love is heaven, hate is hell.

He who wronged you will hate you.

Curses, like chickens, come home to roost.

Small men hate, great men pity.

An ass that kicketh against the wall receives the blow himself.

Because the cur has bitten me shall I bite the cur?

Hate vice, but not the vicious.

**Head.**

It is a fortunate head that never ached.

Two heads are better than one.

**Health.**

One hour's sleep before midnight is worth two after.

Physicians rarely take medicine.

Temperance, employment and a cheerful spirit are the great preservers of health.

The full stomach loatheth the honeycomb, but to the hungry everything is sweet.

'Tis good to walk till the blood appears on the cheek, but not the sweat on the brow.

We are usually the best men when in the worst health.

He who sits with his back to a draft sits with his face towards a coffin.

Health is like money, not appreciated until lost.

Health is happiness, the vital principle of bliss.

We would not believe in hell were it not for dyspepsia.

Dyspepsia is the remorse of a guilty stomach.

He who wants health wants everything.

When a man loses his health then he begins to take care of it.

If you sit in a draft doctors will cash it.

To a well man every day is a feast day.

Keep your feet dry and your head cool.

A man too busy to take care of his health is like a mechanic too busy to take care of his tools.

After dinner sit awhile; before breakfast walk a mile.

**Hearing.**

From hearing comes wisdom, from speaking repentance.

He who will not hear must feel.

Hear all and say nothing.

Hear both sides and be just.

**Heart.**

Hearts may agree though heads differ.

A happy heart is better than a full purse.

Men are oftener led by their hearts than by their brains.

Memory, wit and fancy cannot grow young again, but the heart can.

Where your treasure is there shall your heart be also.

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Words from the mouth die in the ears, but words from the heart stay there.

**Heaven.**

A man may go to heaven with half the pains he takes to purchase hell.

Don't growl about the world until you are sure of a better one hereafter.

He who seldom thinks of heaven is not likely to go there.

Eight hours to work, eight hours to sleep, eight hours to recreation given, and all to heaven.

Heaven is a state of happiness infinite in degree and endless in duration.

Aid yourself and heaven will aid you.

He will never enter heaven who desires to enter there alone.

We are near to heaven when we forget ourselves.

It is heaven alone that is given away, only God may be had for the asking.

A hammer of gold will not open the gate of heaven.

Heaven must be in thee ere thou canst be in heaven.

Heaven's gates are not so highly arched as princes'

palaces; they that enter there must go upon their knees.

> And we mount to its summit round by round.
> Heaven is not reached by a single bound,
> But we build the ladder by which we rise
> From the lowest earth to the vaulted skies,

**Heroism.**

No one is a hero to his valet.

One murder makes a villain, millions make a hero.

Moral heroism consists in the fear of sin.

All actual heroes are essential men, and all men possible heroes.

The moral hero fears sin.

**History.**

Biography is the only true history.

Nothing strengthens a nation so much as a familiarity with its history.

All history is a romance unless it is studied as an example.

No people can write its own true history; none ever did.

History is philosophy teaching by example and warning.

**Hell.**

Hell is truth seen too late.

Hell is wherever heaven is not.

Hell is full of good meanings and good wishes.

> 'Tis nothing but full knowledge of the truth,
> When truth resisted long, is sworn our foe;
> And calls eternity to do her right.

The way to hell is paved with good intentions.

**Hobby.**

Every man has his hobby.

Hobbies, like horses, were made to ride.

**Home.**

Home is where the heart is.

The fireside is the seminary of the nation.

Early home associations have a potent influence upon the life of the State.

The sorest spot in our municipal and national condition is the decline of the home idea.

The home is the birthplace of true patriotism.

The training of a good citizen must begin at the cradle.

The homes of any people are the very beginnings of its progress.

Patriotism always falls back upon the home life and the home interests for its inspiration and its power.

The strength and prowess of any land lies in the character of its citizens; and their character depends largely upon the character of their homes.

It requires only five minutes for a woman to clean up a man's room so that it will take him two weeks to find the things she has put away.

An evening home is the best place for a married man.

He who is far from home is near to harm.

Dry bread at home is better than roast beef abroad..

Our home joys are the most delightful the world affords.

He is blest who in his home finds happiness and peace.

It takes a woman to make a home enjoyable.

The sweetest type of heaven is home.

Home, sweet, home, be it ever so homely.

Home is the rallying place of the affections.

The fire burns brightest on our own hearthstone.

Home, the spot of earth supremely blest.
What is home without a mother?

**Honesty.**

The more honest a man is the less he affects the air of a saint.

Prefer loss before unjust gain.

The man who hesitates to be honest is almost a villain.

Honesty is the best policy and maketh rich.

It pays to be honest, but it's slow pay.

Honesty is the best policy, but many are satisfied with second best.

If there were no honesty, it would be invented as a means of getting wealth.

Truth needs no color, beauty no pencil.

An honest man's the noblest work of God.

The basis of high thinking is perfect honesty.

Nothing is profitable that is dishonest.

Honesty and policy have nothing in common.

Honor lies in doing well whatever we find to do.

If treating a boy as a gentleman does not make him a gentleman nothing else will.

An honest countenance is the best passport.

Nothing makes a man honest like plenty to eat and plenty to wear.

Unjust gains are equal to a loss.

We are bound to be honest, but not bound to be rich.

Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure that there is one less rascal in the world.

No legacy so rich as honesty.

The thief who finds no opportunity to steal thinks himself an honest man.

Let fortune do her worst, whatever she makes us lose, as long as she never makes us lose our honesty and our independence.

**Honor.**

He's armed without who's innocent within.

Honor and shame from no condition rise,
Act well your part, there all the honor lies.

There is nothing that improves a boy's character so much as putting him on his honor.

A hundred years cannot repair a moment's loss of honor.

A man's word is his honor.

A man who breaks his word bids others to be false to him.

Among men of honor a word is a bond.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Honor and care seldom are bedfellows.

Honor is not seemly for a fool.

Great honors are great burdens.

**Hope.**

Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst.

Hope and strive is the way to thrive.

A good hope is better than a bad possession.

Hope is our only comfort in adversity.

Hope on, hope ever; where there is no hope there can be no endeavor.

She is a flatterer, and yet a true friend.

It gives a taste from heaven.

It comes from God.

A man who lives by hope will die of despair.

Great hopes make great men.

Who loses money, loses much;
Who loses friends, loses more;
Who loses hope, loses all.

'Tis good in every case, you know.
To have two strings unto your bow.

Despair is the only genuine atheism.

Never say die! Up, man, and try.

While there is life there is hope.

Hope springs eternal in the human breast.

When the night's darkest the dawn's nearest.

Above the cloud with its shadow is the star with its light.

If we hope for what we are not likely to possess, we act and think in vain, and make life a greater dream and shadow than it really is.

**Horses.**

A fast horse needs no spur.

He who buys a horse buys care.

All lay the load on the willing horse.

You may lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink.

If wishes were horses beggars might ride.

**Hospitality.**

Hospitality often degenerates into profusion and ends in folly.

The first day a man is a guest, the second a burden, the third a pest.

When there is room in the heart there is room in the house.

Welcome is the best dish on the table.

The unbidden guest is ever a pest.

Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest.

In entertaining strangers you may receive angels unawares.

A guest and fish after three days are poison.

**Hours.**

An hour in the morning is worth two in the evening.

**Houses.**

Better an empty house than an ill tenant.

A small house is better than a large mortgage.

A house divided against itself must fall.

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A man's house is his castle.

A little house well filled,
A little wife well willed.

**Humility.**

Humility is the true cure for many a needless heartache.

It is easy to look down on others; to look down on ourselves is the difficulty.

Humility is a divine veil which covers our good deeds and hides them from our eyes.

Humility is the root, mother, nurse, foundation and bond of all virtues.

The true man is both meek and self-reliant.

True humility is strength putting itself by the side of weakness.

When we realize how little we know we shall earnestly strive to know more.

Humility is a virtue all preach, few practice.

There is no true holiness without humility.

All heavenly virtues emanate from humility.

Humility is the avenue to glory.

**Hunger.**

Hunger finds no fault with the cooking.

Hunger is the best sauce; to the hungry man no bread is bad.

To rise at six, eat at ten;
Sup at six, to bed at ten;
May make a man live ten times ten.

**Hurry.**

Always in a hurry always behind.
Nothing in haste but catching fleas.

Do not hurry, do not flurry!
Nothing good is got by worry.

**Husband.**

A good son makes a good husband.

His wife's affection is shown by the care of his linen.

For a married couple to be happy, the husband must be deaf, the wife blind.

**Hypocrisy.**

The hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbor.

The hypocrite steals the livery of the court of heaven to serve the devil in.

Hypocrisy is the homage which vice pays to virtue.

Hypocrisy is the necessary burden of villainy.

Saint abroad and devil at home.

A wolf in sheep's clothing.

A false face hides what the false heart knows.

No rogue like a godly rogue.

A white glove often conceals a dirty hand.

You can't come in here, cried a voice from the pit; hell's too good for a hypocrite.

Better the world should know you a sinner than God know you a hypocrite.

**Icicle.**

Icicles are great eavesdroppers.

Icicles are what they are cracked up to be.

**Ideals.**

The noblest minds have the highest ideals, to which they never fully attain.

The blanks of life are filled up by ideals.

Ideals are the world's masters, and man can never come up to them.

He who comes up to his own ideal of greatness must always have had a very low standard of it in his mind.

**Ideas.**

Ideas control the world.

An idea is the mental image of a physical object.

Great ideas come when the world needs them.

We must conceive before we can construct.

There is more dynamite in a great idea than in a bomb.

They are the invisible powers which control us.

They come with beards.

They are flowers; thought weaves them into garlands.

**Idleness.**

Idleness is hard work for those that are not used to it, and dull work for those who are.

He is idle that might be better employed.

Idleness is the sepulchre of a living man.

Idle folks have the least leisure.

Idleness is the root of all evil.

Idleness rusts the mind.

Idleness must thank itself if it goes barefoot.

Idle folks have the most labor.

Absence of occupation is not rest.

If the devil catch a man idle he'll set him to work.

The way to be nothing is to do nothing.

We must render an account of every idle word, and so must we likewise of our idle silence.

**Idle Wishing.**

If you cannot have what you wish, wish for what you can have.

Castles in the air cost a vast deal to keep up.

Sell not the bear's skin before you have caught the bear.

Make forty thousand wishes, they will never fill your pail with fishes.

**Ignorance.**

Despise school and remain a fool.

Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise.

The worst ignorance is where a man is ignorant of his ignorance.

An ass will deny more in an hour than a hundred philosophers will prove in a year.

A blind man leaned against a wall, saying, "This is the boundary of the world."

Ignorance is less hateful than conceit, and is preferable to error.

Ignorance is a voluntary misfortune.

Ignorance, united to vanity, pride and arrogance is dangerous.

Ignorance is the mother of impudence.

That pilgrim is base that speaks ill of his staff.

Wonder is the daughter of ignorance.

**Imagination.**

Imagination bodies forth the forms of things unseen.

Imagination is the spring of human activity, and the source of human improvement.

The soul without imagination resembles the observatory without a telescope.

Imagination is the creative faculty.

The pleasures of the imagination are known to few.

**Independence.**

Keep out of the crowd, if you have to get above it.

The freedom of the mind is the highest form of independence.

A country cannot subsist without liberty, nor liberty without virtue.

The spirit of independence is not merely a jealousy of our own particular rights, but a respect for the rights of others.

The love of independence is not only instinctive in man, but its possession is essential to his moral development.

The wisest charity is to help a boy to help himself.

The world's greatest things have been accomplished by individuals.

Full manhood depends upon freedom of thought and independence of action.

Vast numbers of men and women ruin their lives by failing to assert themselves.

Learn some useful art that you may be independent of the caprices of fortune.

Lean liberty is better than fat slavery.

Even fetters of gold are heavy.

**Industry.**

One honey bee is better than a house full of flies; this world belongs to the energetic.

A man who gives his children habits of industry provides better than by giving fortunes.

Genius is nothing but labor and diligence.

Know something of everything and everything of something.

The difference between one person and another lies not so much in talent as in energy.

A lazy man is of no more use than a dead man, and he takes up more room.

Man must be self-made or never made.

Labor is the great schoolmaster of the race.

Industry is one of the best antidotes for crime.

Each evening is a crisis in the career of a young man.

Labor is indeed the price set upon everything which is valuable.

Work is difficult in proportion as the ends to be attained is high and noble.

Plow deep while sluggards sleep, and you shall have corn to sell and to keep.

Seest thou a man diligent in business, he shall stand before kings.

Work wields the weapons of power, wins the palm of success, and wears the crown of victory.

**Innocence.**

Unto the pure all things are pure.

A clean mouth and an honest hand will take a man through any land.

Innocence, like an icicle, once melted is gone forever.

He's armed without that's innocent within.

The innocent sleep well.

Innocence and ignorance are sisters, though totally unlike.

Like polished armor, innocence adorns and defends.

An innocent man requires no eloquence.

They that know no evil suspect none.

**Instinct.**

Instinct is a propensity prior to experience, and independent of instruction.

Instinct distinguishes animals below man.

Instinct is not so comprehensive as reason, but is perfect in its sphere.

The hornet taught men to make paper of wood, the bee to shape cells that would contain most in same space.

Under the direction of reason, instinct is always in the right.

**Intentions.**

Hell is full of good intentions, and heaven of good works.

Intentions, like eggs, soon spoil unless hatched.

Man punishes the action, but God the intention.

'Tis not the action but the intention that is good or bad.

Take away the motive and you take away the sin.

'Tis the will that makes the action good or ill.

**Imitation.**

Imitation is the most sincere flattery.

Imitation is natural from infancy.

No man ever became great by imitation.

We belittle ourselves by imitation.

**Immortality.**

Immortality is the glorious discovery of Christianity.

Immortality is divinity that stirs within us and points to a hereafter.

**Impatience.**

Adversity borrows its sting from our impatience.

Impatience dries the blood sooner than sorrow.

An irritable man lies like a hedgehog rolled up the wrong way, tormenting himself with his own prickles.

Labor without impatience rids us of three great evils—irksomeness, vice and poverty.

**Impossibility.**

A thing cannot be at the same time both true and false.

No one is expected to perform impossibilities.

Impossible is found only in the dictionary of the fool.

**Impulse.**

Our first impulses are good and generous.

Impulses discover the man.

Reflection often kills our best impulses.

**Inconsistency.**

He robs Peter to pay Paul.
To jump out of the frying pan into the fire.
Consistency, thou art a jewel.

**Indiscretion.**

To sacrifice certain for speculative profits.
Indiscretion and wickedness are first cousins.

**Infidelity.**

It is always safe to follow the religious belief our mothers taught us, for no mother yet taught her child to be an infidel.

**Ingratitude.**

He who forgets his Saviour is unmerciful to himself.
How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child.

**Injury.**

He who does an injury never forgives the injured man.
Christianity commands us to forgive injuries.
He who injures another always hurts himself.
Seeming injuries often benefit.

**Injustice.**

Injustice under the name of law is the most intolerable.
He who is unjust is an enemy of himself.

**Insanity.**

The insane are not insane in everything.
Insanity destroys reason, but not wit.
Insanity is the greatest punishment given to a mortal.

**Insignificance.**

A straw or feather tells which way the wind blows.

The insignificant are sometimes the most dangerous.

**Instruction.**

The wise are instructed by reason, ordinary minds by experience.

In moral lessons the understanding must be addressed before conscience, and the conscience before the heart, if we would impress deeply.

Take fast hold of instruction, keep her, for she will profit thee.

**Insults.**

A moral, sensible and well-bred man will not affront me, and no others can.

Adding insult to injury.

He who puts up with insults invites injury.

Injuries accompanied by insults are never forgiven, for all men are good haters.

**Integrity.**

A man of integrity will never listen to an assault upon conscience.

There can be no friendship without confidence, and no confidence without integrity.

**Intellect.**

God has fixed no limit to the power of the human intellect.

Intellect has one failing, it possesses no conscience.

Culture of intellect, without religion in the heart, is only civilized barbarism.

If a man empties his purse into his head, no one can rob him of it.

A man cannot leave a better legacy to his heirs than a well-educated family.

**Irresolution.**

He who begins many things finishes few.

One cannot drink and whistle at the same time.

Who strives to build after every opinion will have a house unfit to live in.

Of all weak men the weakest is the irresolute man.

**Jealousy.**

Jealousy spreads the bed with stinging nettles and then lies down to sleep.

Jealousy is a common source of hapless marriage and divorce.

A jealous man always finds more than he looks for.

**Jests.**

A jest never gains an enemy, but often loses a friend.

He who would jest must accept one in return.

Many a true word is spoken in jest.

Wise men make jests and fools repeat them.

A scoff is the proper reply to a jest.

Take heed of jesting; many have been ruined by it.

Merriment is always the effect of a sudden impression.

Ridicule is often more potent than argument. Of all the griefs that harass the distressed, surely the most bitter is a scornful jest.

A jest in scorn hits home more than satire's sting.

**Jews.**

The Jews are a piece of stubborn antiquity, dating beyond the pyramids.

Jews thrive everywhere.
Jews are not afraid of fire.

**Joy.**

We should publish our joys and conceal our sorrows.
Joys are our wings.
Joy is like the ague, one good day between two bad ones.
Man is the merriest of all created animals.
The crown is after the cross.

**Judge.**

No man should be both accuser and judge.
As solemn as a judge.
He who is judge between two friends loses one of them.
Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

**Judgment.**

Judgment is founded upon experience.
We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing; others judge us by what we have done.
It is no proof of wrong judgment to change one's opinion.
'Tis with our judgments as our watches, none go just alike; yet each believes his own.
He displays good judgment who doth not rely entirely upon his own.
A handful of common sense is worth a bushel of learning.

**Justice.**

What is justice? To give every man his due.
He that walks uprightly walks surely.
Who knows only his own side of the case knows little of that.
God help the sheep when the wolf is judge.
Be just and fear not.

If the judge be your accuser, may God be your help.

Any time is the proper time to say what is just.

Thrice is he armed that hath his quarrel just.

The memory of the just is blessed.

Justice tempered with too much mercy becomes injustice to society.

Let justice be done, though the heavens fall.

A fox should not be on the jury at a goose's trial.

Be just before you are generous.

If all men were just there would be no need of valor.

Every man loves justice at another's expense.

Justice should be tempered with mercy.

When a jury permits a guilty man to escape they augment the danger of the innocent.

Impartiality is the life of justice.

Justice is the ligament which binds society together.

Of all virtues justice is the best.

Many are afraid of justice.

**Kindness.**

The milk of human kindness sours very quickly.

Kindness is more binding than a loan.

A language the dumb can speak and the deaf comprehend.

An effort for another's happiness benefits us.

How far that little candle throws its beams, so shines a good deed in this naughty world.

Kindness is a noble and effective weapon, for it strikes the heart.

Paradise is open to all kind hearts.

All efforts for another's happiness benefits us.

We cannot be just unless we are kindhearted.

The happiness of life is increased by small courtesies.

**Kisses.**

If you can kiss the mistress, do not kiss the maid.

The joy is mutual, and I'm still in debt.

Kisses through a veil are very unsatisfactory.

A kiss is a contraction of the mouth, coupled with an enlargement of the heart.

**Kleptomania.**

A kleptomaniac is one subject to fits of abstraction.

**Knavery.**

Take heed of an ox before, a mule behind and a knave on all sides.

Who friendship with a knave has made is judged a partner in the trade.

Once a knave, always a knave.

The knave and fool are their own libelers.

A knave discovered is a fool.

**Knowledge.**

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge the wing with which we fly to heaven.

The most difficult thing is to know one's self. Learning makes a man fit company for himself.

Knowledge is power, the desire for knowledge, by study must be won; it was ne'er entailed from sire to son.

He who knows best commonly presumes most.

I envy no man who knows more than myself, but pity them who know less. The proper study of mankind is man.

Knowledge is a treasure, and practice is the key to it.

Knowledge is silver among the poor, gold among the nobles, and a jewel among princes.

Knowledge enlarges the soul and mends the life.

All wish to possess knowledge, but few are willing to pay the price.

The wise carry their knowledge, as they do their watches, not for display, but for use.

Who knows nothing doubts nothing.

To know everything is to know nothing well.

Knowledge is the eye of the soul.

Common sense is knowledge of common things.

It is noble to seek truth, and it is beautiful to find it.

It has cost many a man life or fortune for not knowing what he thought he was sure of.

Nothing is so costly as ignorance.

Partial knowledge nearly always leads into error.

Wisdom is the ripe fruit of knowledge; knowledge is the beginning of character.

**Labor.**

Love labor; for if thou dost not want it for food, thou mayest for physic.

Employment is essential to human happiness.

Labor rids us of three evils, tediousness, vice and poverty.

No thoroughly occupied man was ever yet entirely miserable.

Many hands make light work.

By labor cometh wealth.

It is not work, but worry that kills.

Nothing can be attained without it.

The laborer is worthy of his hire.

No gains without pains.

Woman's work is never done.

No bees, no honey; no work, no money.

No sweet without some sweat.

God gives every bird its food, but does not throw it into the nest.

He who would search for pearls must dive below.

God gives the milk but not the pail.

If you would have things come your way, go after them.

The world owes every man a living, and every man owes the world the effort to make it.

He does well who does his best.

Every one who does the best he can is a hero.

Honor and shame from no condition rise,
Act well your part, there all the honor lies.

A day's work of productive labor is the unit of value the world over; gold and silver are but counters.

**Ladies.**

The society of ladies is the school of politeness.

When a lady's in the case you know all other things give place.

The Grecian ladies counted their ages from the date of their marriage, not from their birth; others would like to.

**Language.**

Silence is wisdom.

It is conceit to interrupt and anticipate.

A stuttering man often breaks his word.

Thinking is not clear until it finds expression in spoken words.

Language is the expression of thought.

**Laughter.**

He laughs best who laughs last.

Laughter prolongs life.

The more fools, the more laughter.

Laugh if you are wise, and grow fat.

Beware of him who checks the laugh of a child.

Who laughs at others' ills will soon mourn over his own.

Let them laugh who win.

He laughs in his sleeve.

Laugh at your ills and save doctors' bills.

Said the monkey to the bear, "'Tis as easy to grin as to growl."

Smile on the world and it will smile on you; frown, and it will frown.

A light heart, a light task.

Man is the only creature that can laugh.

Be always as merry as you can, for no one delights in a sorrowful man.

**Law.**

The best way to have a bad law repealed is to enforce it quickly.

The good need fear no law; it is his safety, and the bad man's awe.

Use law and physic only in cases of necessity.

Fond of lawsuits, little wealth; fond of doctors, little health.

A countryman between two lawyers is like a fish between two cats.

Our law punishes crime; Chinese laws do more, they reward virtue.

Hungry judges soon the sentence sign, and wretches hang that jurymen may dine.

Ignorance of the law excuses no man.

The only thing certain about litigation is its uncertainty.

A pennyweight of love is worth a pound of law.

Justice often leans to the side where the purse hangs.

He who goes to law for his sheep often loses his cow.

Possession is nine points of the law.

Truth is straight, but judges are crooked.

A lean compromise is better than a fat lawsuit.

Colonel Compromise is the best and cheapest lawyer.

If there is one thing the Lord doesn't know, it is the outcome of a lawsuit.

Law and equity, which God hath joined, let no man put asunder.

The welfare of the people is the highest law.

Ancient custom is the origin of English common law, whence much of our own.

**Lawyers.**

Fools and the perverse fill the lawyer's purse.

Step into my parlor, said the spider to the fly.

The first question the lawyer asks about the case is, "Is it fee-sible?"

When two dogs strive for a bone, and the third runs away with it, there's a lawyer among the dogs.

Lawyers and woodpeckers have bills.

"Virtue in the middle," quoth the devil, as he sat between two lawyers.

Give the lawyer the reins and he'll drive you to the devil.

Lawyers strive violently in court against each other, and then lunch together at the nearest restaurant.

A lawyer is a learned gentleman who recovers your estate from your enemy and keeps it for himself.

A good lawyer seldom goes to law himself.

When a man is his own lawyer he has a fool for his client.

**Laziness.**

Laziness is the sepulchre of the living man.

To a lazy man every day is a holiday.

Laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him.

A good-for-nothing lazy lout,
Wicked within, and ragged without,
Who can bear to have him about?
Turn him out! Turn him out!

The lazy man is a soft snap for the devil.

If the devil catch a fellow idle he will set him to work.

Doing nothing is doing ill.

"If I rest I rust," says the key.

When youth sleeps on beds of roses,
Age on beds of thorns reposes.

Laziness begins with cobwebs, and ends with iron chains.

The lazy servant to save one step goes eight.

He that stays in the valley shall never get over the hill.

**Learning.**

Though house and land he never got,
Learning will give what they cannot.

The teacher who has forgotten his boyhood will have poor success.

A good education is the best dowry.

A little learning is a dangerous thing:
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring.
These shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,
And drinking largely sobers us again.

Knowledge is not found unsought in heaven.

No man hath guessed his capabilities, nor how he shall expand.

Learning maketh young men temperate, is the comfort of old age, standing for wealth with poverty, and serving as an ornament to riches.

The most learned are not the wisest.

Soon learned, soon forgotten.

It is an ornament in prosperity, a refuge in adversity, and an entertainment at all times.

There is no royal road to knowledge.

The great art of learning is to digest a little at a time.

It is never too late to learn.

Much of the learning in use is of no great use.

**Leisure.**

Spare minutes are the gold dust of time.

Leisure is a beautiful garment, but unsuited to constant wear.

Avoid the dangers of leisure.

Never less alone than when in communion with my own thoughts.

Only a wise man can employ leisure well.

**Letters.**

Letters are white-winged messengers.

To write a good love-letter, you should begin without knowing your meaning, and finish without knowing what you have written.

Female correspondence has a peculiar charm in it.

Letters should be easy and natural, as if we were conversing with the party.

Letters warmly sealed are often coldly opened.

**Lenity.**

We become more indulgent as we grow older.

It is an attribute of mercy.

Man may dismiss compassion from his soul, but God never.

**Liars.**

It is easy to tell one lie; hard to tell but one.

The most mischievous liars are those who keep just on the verge of truth.

Sin has many tools, but a lie is a handle that fits them all.

**Liberty.**

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

The tree of liberty flourishes when watered by the blood of tyrants.

Personal liberty is essential to dignity and happiness.

Liberty cannot exist without national virtue and morality.

An hour of virtuous liberty is worth an eternity of bondage.

**Libraries.**

Libraries are literary shrines, the wardrobes of literature.

A great library contains the diary of humanity.

**Life.**

Life is not altogether a jar of honey.

So live that when the summons comes to join the innumerable caravan which moves to the pale realm of shade, thou go not like the quarry slave at night scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust.

Life is a solemn reality encompassed by eternity.

Narrow is the way which leadeth to life, and few there be that find it.

Life is given to train us for eternity.

He lives long that answers life's great end.

The aids to noble life are all within.

He lives longer that is awake most hours.

Lives of great men all remind us we can make our
lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us, foot-prints on the
sands of time.

The end of life is to do the will of God.

He lives in fame who dies in virtue's cause.

As a man lives so shall he die; as a tree falls so shall it lie.

Man is born naked and bare,
He goes through the world with trouble and care;
When he dies, he goes the Lord knows where,
But if he does well here, he does well there.

**Light.**

Light is the symbol of truth; the creation of Deity. Moral light is the radiation of divine glory.

**Literature.**

The literature of an age is but the mirror of its tendencies and acts.

The Bible is the standard of good literature.

To the publisher belongs the profit, to the author the fame.

Literature nourishes youth, entertains old age, adorns prosperity, and solaces adversity.

**Little Things.**

He who saves little things can be liberal in great things.

Little leaks sink great ships.

How great a matter a little fire kindleth.

Hair by hair the head grows bald.

Small minds are won by trifles.

Every little helps, said the dog as he snapped at the fly.

See a pin and let it lie, you'll want a pin before you die.

Little streams from little fountains flow,
Tall oaks from little acorns grow.

Great merit or great failings will make you respected or despised; but trifles, little attentions, mere nothings, either done or neglected, will make you either liked or disliked is the general run of the world.

There is nothing little to the really great in spirit.

A pebble in the streamlet scant
Has turned the course of many a river;
A dewdrop on the infant plant
Has warped the giant oak forever.

Little minds are too much wounded by little things; great minds see all and are not even hurt.

As small letters hurt the sight, so do small matters him that is too much intent upon them.

**Logic.**

Logic and rhetoric make men able to contend.

Logic is the science of the laws of thought.

Argument, the logic of wisdom and truth.

**Losses.**

All is not lost that is in peril.

Prefer loss to unjust gain.

When a thing is lost its worth is known.

**Love.**

A man is in no danger as long as he talks his love; don't impale yourself on your own pothooks.

The language of true love is understood by all creatures.

Love conquers all things except poverty and the toothache.

All true love is founded on esteem.

If nobody loves you it is your own fault.

One who has no children knows not what love is.

To be wise and love exceeds man's might.

All's fair in love and war.

A fence between makes love more keen.

The love of lads, like fire and fads, is soon in and soon out.

Love is a shroud in which the faults of our loved one lie buried.

Thy love to me passeth the love of women.

Life is a flower of which love is the honey.

'Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all.

Love is blind, hence it is not necessary to turn on the gas.

The heart that boasts it ne'er had broken
Is to hard a heart for me.

The love which is nurtured through sorrow and shame is deep and holy.

There's nothing half so sweet as love's young dream.

The course of true love never did run smooth.

Love is despotic.

Parents by opposing a match often increase a flame.

We doubt the sincerity of a young woman who professes to love an old man.

Nothing is so beautiful as the advent of woman's love, and nothing is purer.

It is a glimpse of heaven below.

Some women mourn the death of their lovers in order to appear more noble to be loved by others.

Love me little, love me long.

There is no love at first sight.

Love is potent, but money is omnipotent.

Love all, hurt a few, be false to none.

I love my friend well, but myself better.

He who forces love where none is found
Remains a fool the whole year 'round.

Two souls with but a single thought, two hearts that beat as one.

He who falls in love with himself will have no rivals.

None without hope e'er loved the brightest fair,
But love can hope where reason would despair.

True love has no thought of self, but sacrifices all things to bless the things it loves.

Perfect love casteth out fear.

The love of woman is a fearful thing, for her happiness is involved in it.

Love laughs at locksmiths.

All true love is founded on esteem.

He who loves well obeys well.

Work and not words are the proof of love.

> Love makes the music of the blest above,
> Heaven's harmony is universal love.

Love can neither be bought nor sold; its only price is love.

Love rules his kingdom without a sword.

A loveless life is a living death.

The strongest evidence of love is sacrifice.

True love never grows old.

A mother's love is ever in its spring.

He that plants trees loves others besides himself.

**Lovers.**

All the world loves a lover.

Lovers' quarrels are love redoubled.

Lovers' purses are tied with cobwebs.

The lunatic, the lover and the poet are of imagination all compact.

**Lucky.**

He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

He who trusts in his luck for his happiness will be in luck when he gets it.

Luck comes to him who seeks it.

Luck has wings and helps those who help themselves.

Luck is always against the man who depends upon it.

A pound of pluck is worth a ton of luck.

Luck is an excellent word, if you prefix "P."

Diligence is the mother of Good Luck.

Lucky men are as rare as white crows.

Pitch the lucky man into the river, and he will come up with a fish in his mouth.

**Luxury.**

It is a short step from comfort to luxury, but a long journey back again.

Luxury has destroyed many kingdoms.

Luxury hastened the fall of Rome.

**Lying.**

A lie is like a snowball, the farther you roll it the bigger it becomes.

The man who cannot lie is dead.

A white lie is one you yourself tell.

Show me a liar and I will show you a thief.

A lie will go round the world while truth is pulling on its boots.

A liar should have a good memory.

A liar's punishment is not being believed when he speaks the truth.

**Madness.**

As mad as a March hare.

There's method in his madness.

Every madman thinks all other men mad.

**Maidens.**

Maids want nothing but husbands, and when they have them they want everything.

To win the mistress, first bribe the maid.

The lass who has many wooers oft fares the worst.

Little girls are won with dolls; big girls with dollars.

A maid oft seen and a gown oft worn
Are disesteemed and held in scorn.

A maid that laughs is half taken.

A true girl does sometimes venture to be offensive.

Advise no one to go to the war, nor to marry.

If thou desirest a wife, choose her on a Saturday rather than on a Sunday.

Observe the face of the wife to know the husband's character.

Smoke, raining in the house, and a scolding woman, will make a man run out of doors.

**Malice.**

Malice is the devil's picture, it imbibes one-half of its own poison.

Malice has a strong memory and a keen sight.

**Man.**

No man ever becomes suddenly very good or very bad.

A man cannot live a broad life if he runs only in one groove.

Every man will count for what he's worth.

Many self-made men grow tired before the job is finished.

The darkest hour of a young man is when he sits down to study how to get money without earning it.

There's a tide in the affairs of men which taken at its flood leads on to fortune.

Remember that dividends in life are not paid until the investment to personal effort has been made.

A man may suffer without sinning, but a man cannot sin without suffering.

Like wagons, men rattle prodigiously when there is nothing in them.

Fast men, like rapid rivers, are shallow.

A little great man is the most insignificant individual living.

Man proposes; God disposes.

Man's extremity; God's opportunity.

Men are but children of a larger growth.

Men take less care of their conscience than of their reputation.

A man must be taught as if you taught him not,
And things unknown proposed as things forgot.

Men at sometime are masters of their fate.
A man prone to proimise is apt to forget.
Some think all men have their price.

At ten a child, at twenty wild,
At thirty strong, if ever;
At fifty rich, at sixty good—or never.

Every man knows something worse of himself than anyone can tell him.
The child is father to the man.
Press not a falling man too far.
The greatest study of mankind is man.

Man by man was never known;
Heart by heart was never seen.

Man can only apprehend, not comprehend himself.
No man ever wrote his own or another man's true biography.

**Manners.**

As are the times, so are the manners.
Manners make the man, and often gain fortunes.
Good manners consist in putting at ease him with whom we converse.
Simplicity in manners is enchanting.
Civility costs nothing; there is no policy like politeness.
The society of refined women is a school of good manners.
Manners must adorn knowledge and smooth its way through the world.
The manner of a vulgar man displays freedom without ease; that of a gentleman ease without freedom.

In manners, tranquillity is power.

Good manners are a product of good morals.

A man's fortune is often decided by his manners.

All doors open to courtesy.

Men like bullets go farthest when they are polished.

Actions, words, looks, steps, form the alphabet by which you can spell character.

The truly generous are the most courteous.

Nothing can constitute good breeding that has not good nature as its foundation.

A man's good breeding is the best security against insults.

Little courtesies sweeten life.

There is always time for courtesy.

True courtesy rests upon a normal foundation.

Good manners are made up of petty sacrifices.

Striking manners are bad manners.

A loud laugh betokens an empty mind.

Irreverence in church is rudeness to God.

Don't make yourself a sidewalk obstruction.

Never pay social calls on the street corners.

Never discuss private business in public places.

Fidget and fret are poor traveling companions.

Loudness attracts only attention, never admiration.

He travels safely who is guarded by poverty and guided by love.

**Marriage.**

She that weds well will wisely match her love,
Nor be below her husband—nor above.

A cheerful wife is the joy of life.

A bad husband cannot be a good man.

It is not every couple that is a pair.

The wedding should last through wedded life.

In marriage it is all very well to say that "two are one"—the question is which one?

Let every husband stay a lover true,
And every wife remain a sweetheart, too.

It is a sorry house in which the cock is silent and the hen crows.

Who can guess the potency of woman's love and patience, her precious influence, her sweet strength, to bless a husband's home?

Neither reproach nor flatter thy wife where anyone heareth or seeth it.

Who wives for a dower resigns his own power.

Rising early and marrying young are what no man repents of.

Marriage dates earlier than the advent of sin; the only relic of paradise left us.

Marry in haste and repent at leisure.

Marriage is the bloom or blight of happiness.

Marriage is heaven or hell.

Marriage rightly understood gives to the tender and the good a paradise below.

There is no purer, holier tie save the love we bear to heaven.

If you desire to ruin yourself marry a rich wife.

Before you marry, know where to tarry.

Few natures preserve through life the poetry of their early passionate illusions.

Better be an old man's darling than a young man's slave.

Hasty marriages seldom prove well.

It is not good that man should be alone.

Mamma's darling makes a poor wife.

The sweetest thing in life is the unclouded welcome of a wife.

It is better to be laughed at for not being married than to be unable to laugh because you are.

A good wife is heaven's best gift to man.

Take the daughter of a good mother if you wish to marry well.

The only way to convince girls that men are not angels is marriage.

Of earthly good, the best is a good wife,
A bad, the bitterest curse of life.

Marriage is an insane desire to pay some woman's board.

Who weds a sot to get his cot will lose the cot and keep the sot.

**Martyrs.**

Christianity has made martyrdom sublime.

Not the pain or death, but the cause, constitutes the martyr.

The martyrs to vice far exceed the martyrs to virtue.

**Masters.**

No man can serve two masters.

He is a good master who never errs.

The master eats the flesh while the servant gnaws the bones.

He who has two masters to serve must lie to one of them.

The eye of the master will do more work than both his hands.

A good servant makes a good master.

Who fears his servants is less than a servant.

A good paymaster never wants workmen.

If you want a good servant take neither kinsman nor friend.

If you would have your business done, go; if not, send.

The more servants the worse service.

Multiplying servants multiplieth trouble.
He who serves is not free.

**Mathematics.**

The study of mathematics cultivates the reason. That of language, the reason and taste.

**Maxims.**

Maxims are the condensed good sense of nations.
Maxims are easily retained in the memory.
They are the jewels of knowledge.
They are better than cautions, as they teach truth.
The value of a maxim depends upon the value of the principle, and the extent and ease of its application.

They are to the intellect what laws are to action.

**Means.**

The end should justify the means.
Trust in God and keep your powder dry.
We put things in order, God does the rest.

**Medicine.**

Medicine is usually a substitute for temperance and exercise, and a very poor one generally.
Physicians undo the work of nature in attempting to help nature.
Doctors take little of their own medicine.
Bitter pills oft have blessed effects.

**Meditation.**

Meditation is the nurse of thought, and thought the food for meditation.
Meditation is the soul's perspective glass, in which we discern God.
Meditation is the life of the soul.
Meditation is one of the rarest faculties.
No soul can preserve the bloom of its existence without lonely musings and silent prayer.

Our judgments are formed by meditation.

Seriously meditating on religious truths renders them profitable to our souls.

It is not he who reads most, but he who meditates longest who will develop best.

**Melancholy.**

Melancholy is an everlasting mist.

Melancholy is the mind's disease.

Great men have frequent fits of melancholy.

Melancholy attends the joys of an ideal life.

Some great men enjoy fits of melancholy.

Go! you may call it madness, folly—
You shall not chase my gloom away;
There's such a charm in melancholy,
I would not if I could be gay.

**Mercy.**

The loftiest attribute of heaven's mercy.

Mercy is an attribute of God himself, for under the plea of justice none of us would enter heaven.

We must ourselves be merciful if we expect mercy.

The quality of mercy is not strained, but droppeth like the gentle dew from heaven.

**Merit.**

Real merit cannot long remain concealed, though it may not be rewarded.

Charms entrance us, but merit wins the soul.

We should judge of a man's merit by the use he makes of his great qualities.

True merit, like a deep river, is noiseless.

**Method.**

Method prevents disorder in business and saves time.

Dispatch is the life of business, and method the soul of dispatch; combined they govern the world.

Method is the capacity of systematic organization.

Method will teach you to win time.

**Meekness.**

The flower of meekness grows on the stem of grace.

The meek shall inherit the earth.

I am meek and lowly of heart.

**Memory.**

Memory has its origin in attention.

Memory is the depository of knowledge.

Memory is the first part of the faculties that age invades.

What we learn with pleasure we never forget.

The remembrance of a well-spent life is sweet.

Memory is the book of judgment. At the last day all secrets will be revealed.

Strong memory, weak judgment.

Let fate do her worst, there are relics of joy,
Bright dreams of the past which she cannot destroy.

It is the only pratice from which we cannot be expelled.

Love and hate remember long.

Indifference soon forgets.

It is sometimes expedient to forget.

**Metaphysics.**

Metaphysics is the anatomy of the soul.

When he who speaks and he to whom he speaks do not understand what is spoken, that is metaphysics.

It can unsettle, but never rebuild.

**Mills.**

Though the mills of God grind slowly,
Yet they grind exceeding small;

Though with patience he stands waiting,
With exactness grinds he all.

**Mind.**

One of the greatest duties of man is to improve his mind and control his manners.

There is nothing so elastic as the human mind;

Were I so tall to reach the pole,
Or grasp the ocean with my span,
I must be measured by my soul;
The mind's the standard of the man.

like imprisoned steam, the more it is pressed the more it resists the pressure.

How fleet is a glance of the mind!
Compared with the speed of its flight
The tempest itself lags behind,
And the swift-winged arrows of light.

The more we are compelled to do, the more we can do.

Few minds wear out; more rust out.

Occasionally the mind must be unbent.

Sublime is the dominion of mind over matter.

Strength of mind is exercise, not rest.

**Miracles.**

Every conversion is a miracle.

Every believer is a miracle of divine grace.

**Miscellaneous.**

A creditor always has a better memory than the debtor.

The crow thinks her own bird the fairest.

A penny's worth of mirth is worth a pound of sorrow.

The higher the ape goes the more he shows his tail.

A sanctified heart is better than a silver tongue.

The greatest king must at last go to bed with a shovel.

Be sure of the fact before you lose time hunting for the cause.

Do what you can when you cannot do what you would.

The more you stroke pussy's back the higher she raises her tail.

The more we help others to bear their burdens the lighter our own will be.

A wild goose never laid a tame egg.

Three moves are as bad as a fire.

Every day is a little life, and our whole life is but a day repeated.

They that hide can find.

Great minds are easy in prosperity and quiet in adversity.

There could be no great ones if there were no little ones.

He dies like a beast who has done no good while he lived.

Things unreasonable are never durable.

He learns much who studies other men; he also learns much who studies himself.

Three may keep counsel if two be away.

He that would live in peace and rest must hear, and see, and say the best.

He that would eat the kernel must crack the nut.

To set the fox to keep the geese.

He who has not bread to spare should not keep a dog.

When the horse is stolen the stable is shut.

He who lives for himself alone lives for a mean fellow.

It is not cowardice to yield to necessity, nor courage to stand out against it.

Where love fails we spy all faults.

Keep conscience clear, then never fear.

Who looks not before finds himself behind.

Practice flows from principle; for as a man thinks so will he act.

Who hunts two hares leaves one and loses the other.

One swallow makes not a spring, nor one woodcock a winter.

Wit once bought is worth twice taught.

The future has a rich present in store for those who rightly cultivate the present.

Words from the mouth only die in the ears, but words proceeding from the heart stay there.

Some are very busy and yet do nothing.

No man can leave a better legacy to the world than a well-educated family.

You cannot catch old birds with chaff.

Never turn thy face from any poor man, and the face of the Lord shall never be turned from thee.

The only way to be thought to be anything is to be it.

He gives twice that gives in a trice.

The remedy of to-morrow is too late for the evil of to-day.

He knows best what good is that has endured evil.

The ruin of most men dates from some idle hour.

Occupation is an armor of the soul;
The sting of reproach is the truth of it.

He that knows himself best esteems himself least.

The sweetest wine makes the sharpest vinegar.

He that hath many irons in the fire some of them will burn.

There is no dungeon so dark and dismal as the mean man's mind.

He that does you an ill turn will never forgive you.

Truth scorns all kinds of equivocation.

He who thinks he knows the most knows the least.

He that ill did, never good believed.

We would be ashamed of many of our best actions if the world could see all the motives that produced them.

Home is home, though it be ever so homely.

Vainglory blossoms, but never bears.

If you trust before you try, you may repent before you die.

What maintains one vice would bring up two children.

If it were not for hope the heart would break.

What pretty things men will make for money, quoth the old lady when she saw a monkey.

If you cannot bite never show your teeth.

When you bury animosity, don't set up a stone over its grave.

Wolves may lose their teeth, but not their nature.

Worth begets in base minds envy; in great souls emulation.

Worth has been underrated ever since wealth was overvalued.

You make a great purchase when you relieve the necessitous.

It is better to do well than to say well.

You would do little for God if the devil were dead.

It is a long lane that has no turning.

"Have a care," said a Quaker to an abusive young man, "thou mayest run thy face against my fist."

It is hard to bring out of the flesh what is bred in the bone.

With time and patience the leaf of the mulberry tree becomes satin.

He that loses anything and gets wisdom by it is a gainer by the loss.

Keep your purse and mouth closed.

Weakness is a greater antagonist to virtue than vice itself.

There are two reasons why we don't trust a man; one because we don't know him, and the other because we do.

There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip.

Life at best is but a handful of fleeting years.

Many a true word is spoken in jest.

All men think all men mortal but themselves.

No smoke without some fire.

Nothing that is violent is permanent.

It is impious in a good man to be sad.

No alchemy equal to saving.

'Tis vain to seek in men more than man.

Nothing venture, nothing have.

Virtue is true self-interest pursued.

Novelty always appears handsome.

A foe to God was ne'er true friend to man.

Open confession is good for the soul.

Fresh hopes are hourly sown in furrowed brows.

Pleasant company alone makes this life tolerable.

Mar not the things that cannot be mended.

Practice makes perfect.

What deep wound ever healed without a scar?

Policy goes beyond strength.

Whate'er of earth is formed to earth returns.

Pride will have a fall.

The worst of slaves is he whom passion rules.

Put a coward to his metal and he'll fight like the devil.

'Tis infamy to die and not be missed.

Riches in the Indies, wit in Europe, pomp among the Ottomans.

Hope and fear, peace and strife, make up the troubled web of life.

Rome was not built in a day.

Seldom seen, soon forgotten.

Better a poor and peaceful life, than wealth and fortune bought with strife.

Know then thyself, presume not God to scan: the proper study of mankind is man.

Set a beggar on horseback and he'll ride to the devil.

All nature is but art unknown to thee, and chance direction which thou canst not see.

Short reckonings make long friends.

True ease in writing comes from art, not chance, as those move easiest who have learned to dance.

Success makes a fool seem wise.

All habits gather by unseen degrees; as brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas.

The fox is very cunning, but he is more cunning that catches him.

When any great designs thou dost intend, think on the means, the manner and the end.

The submitting to one wrong brings on another.

The kindest and the happiest pair will find occasion to forbear.

The pitcher does not go so often to the water but it comes home broken at last.

Hear the first laws, the judgment of the skies; he that hates truth shall be the duke of lies.

The whole ocean is made up of single drops.

Give what thou canst; without thee we are poor and with thee rich; take what thou wilt away.

**Mischief.**

He prepares evil for himself who plots mischief for others.

He who hinders not a mischief when it is in his power is guilty of it.

**Misers.**

He lives sordidly that he may die rich.

Miser means miserable, yet it is not certain he

does not feel happy counting his dollars while starving.

The prodigal robs his heir, the miser robs himself.

He grows rich by appearing poor.

The miser and a pig are of no use till dead.

**Misery.**

To be weak is to be miserable, doing or suffering.

Little minds are subdued by ill, but great minds rise above misfortune.

When misery is highest, help is nighest.

Misery loves company, but that feeling is seldom reciprocated.

**Misfortune.**

Misfortunes never come singly; it never rains but it pours.

Misfortunes are not always irreparable.

It is remarkable how patiently we can bear the misfortunes of others.

The less we parade our ills the more sympathy we receive.

We learn when a man is broken up he is generally broken down.

We learn wisdom by the misfortune of others.

An irritated soul sours on everything.

**Moderation.**

Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of all virtues.

Moderation is the inseparable companion of wisdom.

To live long one must live slowly.

Moderation in prosperity argues a great mind.

Moderation is indifferent about trifles, with prudence and zeal in important matters.

**Mistakes.**

We all err, but only fools continue in error.

Only dead people are exempt from making mistakes.

We learn wisdom from failure much better than from success. He who never made a mistake hath made no discovery.

Take it easy and live long.

**Modesty.**

Modesty is to merit as shade to a picture, giving it strength and beauty.

He who underrates himself is usually undervalued by others.

Modesty in women is like color on the cheek, decidedly becoming, if not put on.

When the heart is past hope the face is past shame.

He who can feel ashamed will not readily go wrong.

Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth.

Immodest words admit of no defence,
For want of decency is want of sense.

**Mobs.**

A mob is the scum which rises when the water boils.

Without strong drink the mob would be harmless.

They mean license when they shout liberty.

The mob is man voluntarily descending to the level of beasts.

**Money.**

Help me to money, take a seat;
If you have none, take to your feet.

A man without money is a bow without an arrow.

A fat purse makes a soft pillow.

Fire, water and money are good servants but bad masters.

He that gets money before he gets wit,
Will be but a short while master of it.

The want of money is the root of much evil.

Money, the best friend of the masses, the support of the classes, the aim of the lasses, the ruin of the asses.

Money calls, but does not stay;
It is round and rolls away.

Before gold even kings take off their hats.

There are three faithful friends, an old wife, an old dog, and ready money.

He is most loved who has many bags.

Earth has few joys like that from finding a stray quarter in a vest pocket.

Would you learn the value of money, try to borrow some.

Now that I have a sheep and a cow, everybody says "Good morning, Peter."

Money is only a medium of exchange for labor and has no moral right or claim to increase, except passing directly through some form of labor.

This is the best world we live in,
To lend, or to spend, or to give in;
But to beg, or to borrow, or to get a man's own,
It's the very worst world that ever was known.

**Morality.**

Morality is always the same, being an emanation from God.

Montesquieu said, the morality of the Gospel is the best gift bestowed upon mankind.

You cannot divorce morality from Christianity.

The divorcement of morals and piety belongs exclusively to paganism.

**Mother.**

Ere yet a child has drawn its earliest breath, a mother's love begins its glow till death.

A mother is a mother all the days of her life;
A father is a father till he gets a new wife.

God could not be everywhere, therefore He made mothers.

Holy and tender is a mother's love, the offspring of prayers and tears, which changes not with dim, declining years.

The instructions received at her knee are never effaced from the soul.

A man never appreciates a mother until he has lost her.

No tongue can express the power, beauty and self-devotion of a mother's love.

Christ's last words on earth were of his sorrowing mother.

**Motives.**

Motives are better than actions.

The morality of an action depends upon the motive that prompts it.

We should oft have reason to be ashamed of our most brilliant actions.

**Murmuring.**

How bitter the partly suppressed complaint, the murmuring, grumbling of the ever dissatisfied, who know not why.

Murmuring is the blighting curse of many miscalled homes.

**Music.**

The heart vibrates tremulously after its chords are struck by prayer.

Luther said, "Next to theology, I award to music the highest position."

Architecture has been called "frozen music."

The minstrelsy of Germany is a music of philosophy, of heroism, of the intellect, and of the imagination.

The power of music is felt by all men and affects the mind and passions.

Generally the least intellectual persons sing with the most expression, because voice and intellect are rarely combined.

Of all the liberal arts, music has the greatest influence over the passions.

Music imparts noble ideas, engenders fury and love, and sways the heart of the listener. Music once admitted to the soul never dies, but wanders through the hall of memory bringing harmony everywhere.

**Mystery.**

Mystery is the secrecy of weak and cunning men.

Mystery is but another name for ignorance.

When we know the full extent of the danger our apprehension vanishes.

**Names.**

A good name in man or woman is a great possession; once lost, hard to regain.

A man with a bad name is as good as dead.

He that filches from me my good name robs me of that which naught enriches him, but leaves me poor indeed.

A good name is the best heritage to bequeath to our children.

**Nations.**

A prosperous nation must be built on some moral foundation.

Natural progress is the sum of individual energy and uprightness.

The Italian is wise before he undertakes anything,

the German while he is doing it, and the Frenchman when it is over.

National decay is of individual idleness, selfishness and vice.

Love your country and obey its laws.

The true defense of a nation lies in the moral qualities of its people.

Noble ideas of citizenship and its duties strengthen the will of the patriots.

The crying need of to-day is for men of public spirit.

The citizen must share the risks of his country, as well as its benefits.

The public service is not only for times of war and tumult, but also for times of prosperity and peace.

**Nature.**

Nature and revelation are God's books of mystery.

We look through nature up to nature's God.

Nothing so much prevents our being natural as the desire to appear so.

Art may err, but nature cannot.

One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.

The laws of nature are just but terrible.

Wash a dog, comb a dog,
Still a dog remains a dog.

Wisdom and power are impressed upon the words of God, which distinguish them from the feeble imitation of man.

If you live according to what nature requires, you will never be poor; if according to the notions of men, you will never be rich.

What's bred in the bone will never come out of the flesh.

Though you seat the frog on a golden stool,
He will soon jump back into the pool.

**Necessity.**

Necessity is a disagreeable guest, a good teacher, a hard master, and a powerful weapon.

Necessity is the mother of invention.

Make a virtue of necessity.

Necessity is the argument of tyrants, it is the creed of slaves.

**Negligence.**

Negligence is the rust of the soul, and a little may breed great mischief.

He who is negligent will soon become poor.

**Neighbor.**

Save me from a bad neighbor—and a beginner on the fiddle.

One cannot keep peace longer than his neighbor will let him.

**Neutrality.**

Neutrality is the devil's ally, and no favorite with Providence.

Neutrality in indifferent matters is commendable.

Where right or religion is at stake, a neutral is either a coward or a hypocrite.

**News.**

Evil news travels fast; good news, slowly.

No news is good news.

He was scarce of news who told that his father was hanged.

**Newspapers.**

Newspapers are law books for the indolent, sermons for the thoughtless, and a library for the poor.

Newspapers should contain a maximum of information and a minimum of comment.

Theere is no force for good or evil comparable with the influence of the press.

Newspapers form popular opinion; half of mankind read nothing but the daily newspaper.

Newspapers are the wonder of the world.

**Nicknames.**

Nicknames are generally suggested by some act or speech of the nicknamed.

The more seemingly appropriate and ridiculous they are the more they adhere.

Nicknames will cling from boyhood through manhood and life.

The more one tries to shake them off the closer they stick.

Nicknames are the heaviest stones the devil can throw at a man.

**Night.**

The night shows stars and women in a better light.

I'll not say "Good-night" till it be to-morrow.
Parting is such sweet sorrow

**Nobility.**

Virtue is the only true nobility.

Only the good are noble.

You can create a nobleman, but God only can make a gentleman.

Nobility is elective, not hereditary.

**Nonsense.**

A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men.

**Novels.**

We must have books for recreation and amusement, as well as for instruction and business.

A good novel is beneficial; but most of our popular novels enfeeble the intellect, vulgarize the taste, and give distorted views of life.

Much novel reading destroys taste for useful knowledge.

No habitual novel reader takes any interest in the Bible.

A good novel is a powerful engine for civilization.

**Oath.**

An oath is not needed by a good man, nor will it prevent the bad man from perjuring himself.

**Obedience.**

Love makes obedience easy.

The education of the will is the object of our existence.

To learn obeying is the fundamental art of governing.

If thou wouldst be obeyed as a father, be obedient as a son.

Obedience forms the first step in the building of the character.

Obedience to a reasonable law is a source of moral strength and power.

The ground of religious action should be obedience to the divine will in all things.

By doing as requested we do not always procure a friend, but often create enemies.

Obedience is not only our duty but our interest.

Command wisely and you will be obeyed cheerfully.

Obedience is wedded to safety, and is the mother of success.

Next to God, obey thy parents, who have cherished thee with love and care.

**Obligation.**

We prefer to see those whom we have obliged to those who have obliged us.

It is safer to affront some people than to oblige them.

**Obscurity.**

Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, and waste its fragrance on the desert air.

**Obstinancy.**

Obstinacy is one of the most incurable defects of man.

Narrowness of mind produces obstinacy, as we usually do not believe that which we do not see.

To get an obstinate man into heaven try to keep him out.

Obstinacy and vehemence in opinion are conclusive proof of stupidity and folly.

**Observation.**

We get out of Nature what we carry to her.

Fools learn nothing from wise men, but wise men learn much from fools.

The non-observant man goes through the forest and sees no firewood.

Some men will learn more in a country stageride than others in a tour of Europe.

All conscious life begins in observation.

Careful observers become accurate thinkers.

The active, observing eye is the sign of intelligence.

**Occupation.**

Employment is Nature's physician.

Constant occupation prevents temptation.

Duties are ours; events are God's.

He that does what he can does what he ought.

This world is full of beauty, as brighter world's above;
And if we did our duty it might be full of love.

**Opinion.**

To obtain a man's opinion of you make him mad.

Conscience with most men is but the anticipation of the opinions of others.

Two opposite opinions should not lie on the same bolster.

A man's own opinion is never wrong.

A wise man alters his opinions, but a fool never.

Popular opinion is the grandest of lies.

**Opportunities.**

Opportunities should not be lost lest they be never regained.

There are many more fishes in the sea than were ever taken out of it.

Fortune often knocks at the door, but the fool does not invite her in.

Every dog has his day and every man his hour.

A man's best things are nearest him.

Opportunities neglected are lost.

Seize opportunity by the forelock.

Everyone has a chance to achieve greatness.

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

You can do more than strike while the iron is hot; you can make the iron hot by striking.

**Oppression.**

A desire to resist oppression is implanted in the nature of man.

The smallest worm will turn, being trodden on;

And doves will peck in safeguard of their brood.

**Opposition.**

It is not ease, but effort, not facility, but difficulty, that make men.

**Oratory.**

Orators, like poets, are born; not made.

Oratory to be effective should be the language of the heart.

An orator without judgment is like a horse without a bridle.

**Order.**

Working without a plan is sailing without a compass.

Working without method, like the pig's tail, goes all day and does nothing.

Without method little can be done to any good purpose.

Method consists in the right choice of means to an end.

To him who does everything in its proper time one day is worth three.

Good habits are the first steps in order for children; punctuality, neatness, a place for everything.

Order is heaven's first law.

Let all things be done decently and in order.

Let all your things have their place, let each part of your business have its time.

A place for everything, and everything in its place.

Order is the law of all intelligible existence.

The great enemy of order is laziness.

Success in life depends upon having the principle of order.

**Originality.**

There are but few original thinkers in the world.

The most original writers borrow from one another.

The merit of originality is not novelty, it is sincerity.

He had the reputation of knowing a good deal who said, There is nothing new under the sun.

Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity,

the most important thing in life is to know when to forego an advantage.

**Ownership.**

I do not own an inch of land,
But all I see is mine—
The orchard and the mowing fields,
The lawns and gardens fine.

**Pain.**

Pain is the outcome of sin.

Pain shows the luxury of health.

A man who sits on a bent pin rises suddenly and speaks to the point.

Great pains and little gains make a man sad.

**Painting.**

The merit of pictures is their effect on the mind.

Painting is silent poetry, and poetry is a silent picture.

**Pardon.**

He who sharply chides is more ready to pardon.

Pardon is the choicest flower of victory.

Pardoning the bad is injuring the good.

We readily pardon in our friends those faults which do not affect us.

**Parents.**

A father's heart is tender, though the man is made of stone.

**Passions.**

The passions may be humored until they become our masters.

The passions act as winds to propel our vessel, of which reason is the pilot.

Passionate men have distorted visions.

The passions are good servants but bad masters.

Govern your passions or they will govern you.

The passionate are like men standing on their heads; they see all things the wrong way.

**Payment.**

He who pays in advance never gets the worth of his money.

Pay promptly, collect closely.

Punctual pay gets willing work.

Pay as you go.

**Patience.**

Patience and resignation are the pillars of human peace on earth.

Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.

Patience is the great secret of success.

Patient waiting is often the highest way of doing God's way.

If you'd learn patience superfine,
Go you to fish with rod and line.

Patience is concentrated strength of repression.

Patience will ultimately surmount every obstacle.

In your patience possess ye your souls.

Beware of the fury of a patient man.

The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God. and into the patience of Christ.

How poor are they who have no patience,
What wound did ever heal, but by degrees.

An ounce of patience is worth a pound of brains.

Patience is the key of Paradise.

It's easy to find reasons why other folks should be patient.

Oaks may fall where reeds brave the storm.

There is no greater misfortune than not to be able to bear misfortune.

What cannot be cured must be endured.

Be patient and you shall have patient children.

**Patriotism.**

The noblest motive is the public good.

Patriotism is a principle fraught with high impulses and noble thoughts.

It is impossible that a man who is false to his friends should be true to his country.

Every good man in politics wields a power for good.

Think of all the cost of money and noble lives at which our liberty has been won.

We must never forget, as we think or speak of patriotism, that such private virtues as honesty and industry are its best helps.

He serves his party best who serves his country best.

I was born an American, I live an American, I shall die an American.

Love of country is one of the noblest virtues.

> Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
> Who never to himself hath said,
> "This is my own, my native land?"

It is impossible that a man who is false to his friends should be true to his country.

**Peace.**

It is better to dwell in a corner of the house top, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

> 'Tis death to me to be at enmity;
> I hate it, and desire all good men's love.

Better an egg in peace, than an ox and war.

In time of peace prepare for war.

Who loves peace serves God.

By wisdom, peace; by peace, plenty.

Peace flourishes when reason rules.

> He that would live in peace and rest
> Must hear and see and say the best.

**Perseverance.**

Our greatest glory is, not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

Victory belongs to the most persevering.

Success in most things depends on knowing how long it takes to succeed.

Perseverance is failing nineteen times and succeeding the twentieth.

Give us men like mountains, who change the winds.

Perseverance depends on three things—purpose, will, enthusiasm.

A falling drop at last will cave a stone.

Perseverance gives power to weakness.

Perseverance comes from a strong will, and obstinacy from a strong front.

Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance.

He who begins and does not finish, loses his labor.

**Pessimism.**

Pessimism is the philosophy with which we regard our neighbors, and optimism with which we regard ourselves.

**Philosophy.**

Many talk like philosophers and live like fools.

Philosophy is often based upon disappointment.

Philosophy educates the head, Christianity the heart, and both endeavor to lead men to the right.

A little philosophy inclineth a man's mind to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth him back to religion.

The discovery of what is true, and the practice of what is good, are the most important objects of philosophy.

**Physicians.**

A lucky physician is better than a learned one.

Nature doth the cure and the doctor takes the fee.

Nature, time and patience are the three great physicians.

New doctor, new churchyard.

Physicians mend us or end us.

Fond of lawyers, little wealth;
Fond of doctors, little health.

I was well, would be better; took physic, and here I am.

Who shall decide when doctors disagree?

God heals and the doctor takes the fee and thanks.

Feed sparingly and defy the doctor.

Doctors never take medicine.

Exercise, fresh air, needful rest and good digestion are the best physicians.

Patients might stand some chance for recovery if physicians would earlier abandon them.

Physic, for the most part, is nothing but the substitute for exercise and temperance.

**Pity.**

Pity melts the heart of love.

He that pitieth the poor lendeth to the Lord.

Better be envied than pitied.

**Plagiarists.**

Some steal a thought, then clip it round the corners, and challenge whose it was to prove it.

Borrowed thoughts are borrowed finery.

**Pleasure.**

We all have a tendency to grasp at forbidden fruit.

He who follows pleasure instead of business will soon have no business to follow.

Who can at all times sacrifice pleasure to duty approaches sublimity.

A man who knows how to mix pleasure with business is never entirely possessed of either.

We should sacrifice pleasure to duty.

A man of pleasure is a man of pains.

Why, all delights are vain; but that most vain
Which, with pain purchased, doth inherit pain.

Mental pleasures never cloy; unlike those of the body, they are increased by repetition, approved of by reflection, and strengthened by enjoyment.

Though sages may pour their wisdom's treasure,
There is no sterner moralist than pleasure.

Choose such pleasures as recreate much and cost little.

Pleasure, or wrong or rightly understood,
Our greatest evil, or our greatest good.

**Poetry.**

Poetry is the language of the imagination and the passions.

Poetry is the eloquence of truth.

**Policy.**

Policy is serving God so as not to offend the devil.

Policy sits above conscience.

**Politeness.**

Politeness smoothes wrinkles.

There is no policy like politeness.

Behave to others as you would have them behave to you.

True politeness consists in being easy one's self, and in making everybody about one as easy as one can.

True politeness requires humility, good sense, and benevolence.

The wise are polite everywhere, the fool only at home.

Politeness is natural to refined natures.

Politeness tells not only on the manners, but on the mind and heart.

Politeness is a mixture of discretion, civility, complaisance, and circumspection.

Politeness is the semblance of genuine goodness.

Politeness is an easy virtue, costs little, and has great purchasing power.

**Politics.**

Nothing is politically right which is morally wrong.

Men of no principle, but of great talent, often succeed in politics.

**Populace.**

To be a popular favorite with the crowd, one must descend to their level, yield to their prejudices, and substitute them for principles.

**Popularity.**

The common people are poor judges of a man's merit.

The world knows nothing of its greatest men.

Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.

Avoid popularity, it has many snares.

**Possession.**

Possession is nine-tenths in law.

**Poverty.**

Poverty is the bad man's temper, the good man's perdition, the proud man's curse.

A poor man without debts is rich.

Poverty is very common.

A poor man wants something, a covetous man everything.

Better poor with honor than rich with shame.

It is not poverty so much as pretence that harasses a ruined man.

Poverty is no disgrace to a man, but it is very inconvenient.

It is hard to find a man who bears poverty with a noble spirit.

There is no more powerful advocate of vice than poverty.

It is more easy to praise poverty than endure it.

He is not poor who possesses a competency.

Poor men seek meat for their stomachs; rich men stomach for their meat.

From many children and little bread, good Lord, deliver us.

Wrinkled purses make wrinkled lives.

A light purse is a heavy curse.

Better an empty purse than an empty head.

Better go to heaven in rags than to hell in embroidery.

Deep draughts and late slumbers make a man poor.

Better a bare foot than no foot.

A poor cask often holds the best wine.

Sloth is the mother of poverty.

Poverty often consists in our feeling poor; our sensitiveness makes half our poverty.

**Power.**

Power is duty; the more power a man has the more virtuous he should be.

He is most powerful who governs himself.

When power pleads, the law is silent.

Power without justice is tyranny.

Calmness has the appearance of power, and repression represents strength.

**Practice.**

Practice makes perfect.

Practice what you preach.

Practice flows from principles; for as a man thinks, so will he act.

**Praise.**

Commend a fool for his wit, and a knave for his honesty, and they will receive you into their houses.

Let another praise thee and not thine own mouth; a stranger and not thine own lips.

Judicious praise is to children as the sun to flowers.

Expect not praise without envy until you are dead.

An essential preparation for eternity is praising God.

**Prayer.**

Human life is a constant want, and should be a constant prayer.

Do not think that God's delays are God's denials.

God hears no more than the heart speaks.

He that prays as he ought will endeavor to live as he prays.

He who goes to bed and does not pray makes two nights of every day.

They never seek in vain who seek the Lord aright.

He prayeth best who loveth best, all things both great and small.

Humble believing prayer is never uttered in vain.

Prayer should be the key of the day, and the lock of the night.

**Preaching.**

Better an ounce of example than a pound of advice.

He is a good preacher who follows his own instructions.

He who lives well is the best preacher.

Preachers can talk but never teach, unless they practice what they preach.

The tears of the congregation are the praise of the preacher.

He who the sword of heaven will bear, should be as holy as severe.

The preaching that comes from the soul has most effect upon the auditors.

A clergyman should be great in his love, earnest in his efforts, and noted for his simplicity and gentleness.

Whitfield said, "To preach more than thirty minutes will suit only angels themselves as listeners.

Preachers' sons and deacons' daughters are the objects of severe criticism.

A minister's life should be a signboard pointing the way to heaven.

The preacher should be positive, but not dogmatic; earnest, but not denunciatory; tender, but not sentimental; simple, but not commonplace; impressive, yet graceful; popular but not vulgar reasons are the pillars of the fabric of a sermon.

I preached as never sure to preach again,
And as a dying man to dying men.

**Precepts.**

Precepts are the rules that should govern our lives.

**Prejudice.**

Prejudice is the reason of fools.

When judgment is weak prejudice is strong.

Ignorance is less remote from truth than prejudice.

**Presumption.**

We may recover from the darkness of ignorance, but never from that of presumption.

**Pride.**

Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

A slight suspicion may destroy a good repute.

A proud man never shows his pride more than when he is civil.

When pride begins love ceases.

A beggar's rags may cover as much pride as a Lord Mayor's robes.

When boasting ends dignity begins.

It is a mistake to confound pride with vanity; pride is self-esteem, vanity love of approbation; pride is preferable to vanity; it keeps a man out of the dirt.

None is more severe than he of humble birth when raised to high estate.

**Principles.**

Principles should be the springs of our actions, hence too much care cannot be taken in acquiring them.

Worse cannot be said of one than that he is a man of no principle.

**Procrastination.**

Procrastination is the thief of time.

The sooner the better, delay is a fetter.

Put not off till to-morrow what you can do to-day.

> At thirty, man suspects himself a fool;
> Knows it at forty, and reforms his plan;
> At fifty chides his infamous delay;
> Pushes his prudent purpose to resolve;
> In all the magnanimity of thought
> Resolves and re-resolves; then dies the same.

To-day if ye will hear his voice harden not your hearts.

They whose work hath no delay achieve Herculean labors.

> Let us not linger here then, until fate
> Make longing unavailing, hope too late,
> And turn to lamentations all our prayers.

By the street of "By-and-bye" one arrives at the house of "Never."

**Progress.**

Progress is the activity of to-day and the assurance of to-morrow.

All that is human must either progress or retrograde.

The grandest law is that of progressive development.

It is the distinguishing characteristic of our country; westward the star of empire takes its way.

**Promises.**

He who is slow in promising, is most faithful in the performance.

Men apt to promise frequently forget.

To promise easy, to perform troublesome.

Performances, not promises, retain friends.

**Promptness.**

Promptness is the soul of business; deliberate with caution, but act with promptness and energy.

Whilst we are considering when to begin, it is often too late to act.

When a fool makes up his mind the market has gone by.

The individual who is habitually tardy in meeting an appointment will never be respected, or successful in life.

Promptness takes the drudgery out of a difficult work.

Whatever you have to do, think out the quickest way of doing it and do it at once.

Some people have three hands—a right hand, a left hand, and a little behind-hand.

"Putting off" usually means "leaving off." "Going to do" becomes "going undone."

**Prosperity.**

Prosperity is the touchstone of virtue; for it is less difficult to bear misfortune than prosperity.

Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity is a greater. Possession pampers the mind; privation trains and strengthens it.

Prosperity doth best discover vice, but adversity doth best discover virtue.

In prosperity prepare for a change, in adversity hope for none.

Prosperity brings vices to light, and adversity virtues. To rejoice in the prosperity of another is to share it.

**Proverbs.**

Proverbs are potted wisdom.

A proverb is good sense brought to a point.

They are the wit of one and the wisdom of many.

Many successful lives have been built on a proverb.

They are short sentences drawn from long experience.

They are the wisdom of years crystalized in the wit of a moment.

The genius, wit and spirit of a nation are discovered in its proverbs.

The next best thing to being witty oneself is to be able to quote another's wit.

The study of proverbs may be more instructive

and comprehensive than the most elaborate scheme of philosophy.

**Providence.**

As a wise man if wiser would deal with himself, so the Divine Providence deals with him.

There's a divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them as we will.

Heaven designs to suit our trials to our strength.

He who takes truth for his guide, and duty for his end, may safely trust to God's providence to lead him aright.

**Prudence.**

If you economize in prosperity, you will never feel adversity.

Prudence is the virtue of character and the parent of success.

To worry about to-morrow is to be unhappy to-day.

Opportunities are the golden moments in the stream of life.

Want of care does us more damage than want of knowledge.

Success in life results from seizing opportunities as they present themselves.

**Punctuality.**

Be always in time; too late is a "crime."

Promptness is the soul of business.

Care and diligence ensure success.

Dispatch is the life of business, and saves confusion and time.

**Punishment.**

The object of punishment is the prevention of evil.

Men punish the action, God the intention.

**Purchases.**

A man's purse will never be bare
If he knows when to buy, to spend, and to spare.

A man who buys what he doesn't need will soon need what he cannot buy.

**Pure.**

The words of the pure are pleasant words.

Cleanliness is a fine life-preserver.

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure—think on these things.

Unto the pure all things are pure.

From purity of thought all pleasure springs,
And from an humble spirit all our peace.

**Purposes.**

Purposes, like eggs, unless they be hatched into action, will run into decay.

**Quarrel.**

It takes two to have a quarrel, but only one to start it.

Thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just.

Those who in quarrels interpose
Must often wipe a bloody nose.

Beware of entrance into a quarrel; being in, act that thy opponent may beware of thee.

Scorn the last word in a quarrel, secure the first after it.

Quarrels better come at the latter end of a feast than the beginning of a fray.

Nothing passes between asses but kicks.

A little explained, a little endured,
A little forgiven, the quarrel is cured.

A good man will as soon run into a fire as a quarrel.

When one will not, two cannot quarrel.
An ill workman quarrels with his tools.

**Questions.**

He who never inquires never learns.
It is not every question that deserves an answer.

**Quotations.**

An apt quotation is as good as an original remark.

**Rashness.**

Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

**Reading.**

A page digested is better than a volume hurriedly read.
To read without reflection, is to eat without digesting.
Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man.
We should select our books as we do our companions.

**Reason.**

Reason is the chief glory of human nature, but is not so unerring in a limited sphere, as the instinct of the lower animals.
We are very proud of our reason, and yet we guess at half we know.
Strong reasons incite a vigorous action.
Good reasons must give place to better.
We reason from our heads, but act from our hearts.
Instinct leaps, reason feebly climbs.

**Refinement.**

Refinement is the elevation of self above the sensual.
It creates beauty everywhere.

Too great refinement is false delicacy, and true delicacy is solid refinement.

**Reflection.**

A wise man reflects before he speaks; a fool speaks and then reflects.

Think twice before speaking.

He who will not reflect is a ruined man.

**Reform.**

God assists the man who tries to reform.

Conservatism seeks comfort, reform truth.

Reformers are generally unpopular.

**Regret.**

Of all sad words of tongue or pen the saddest are these, "it might have been."

**Religion.**

Religion is the best armour a man can have, but it is the worst cloak.

Its foundation is faith, its action works, its temper holiness, its aim obedience to God.

It is love coined into conduct.

A Christian is the highest style of man.

No man ever regretted Christianity on his death bed.

None but God can satisfy the longings of an immortal soul.

Religion lies more in walk than talk.

A man without religion is to be pitied, but a godless woman is a horror above all things.

Philosophy can do nothing which religion does not improve.

No man's religion ever survives his morals.

He who is false to God is false to man.

True piety elevates the spirit, ennobles the heart, and strengthens the courage.

**Remedies.**

The remedy is oft worse than the disease.

The remedy of to-morrow is too late for the evil of to-day.

Things without remedy should be without regard.

There is a remedy for all things but the appointed time to die.

**Remorse.**

Remorse is beholding heaven and feeling hell.

Remorse is anguish excited by sense of guilt.

Remorse is the most dreadful word in any language.

**Rent.**

The landlord never overlooks the leased thing.

**Repentance.**

Amendment is repentance.

Late repentance is seldom worth much.

There is no repentance beyond the grave.

The bread of repentance we eat results from the sowing of our wild oats in youth.

It is never too late in life to repent.

True repentance hates the sin more than the penalty.

As a man lives so shall he die;
As the tree falls so shall it lie.

**Repression.**

If you propose doing a mean act, delay it until to-morrow.

Still waters are deepest, and the foe is most to be dreaded who never threatens till he strikes.

Keep yourself from the anger of a great man, from the tumult of a mob, from a man of ill repute.

**Reproof.**

The sting of reproof is its truth.

**Reputation.**

Character is what we are; reputation is what we are esteemed to be.

Reputation is not measured by the acre.

A good reputation is a fair estate.

Better be ill spoken of by one before all, than by all before one.

If you would build for your happiness a sure foundation,
Let the stone for the corner be a good reputation.

Losing reputation we lose the moral part of ourselves.

There are two modes of establishing our reputation: to be praised by honest men, and to be abused by rogues.

If it is a little harder to build up character than reputation, it is only so in the beginning. For mere reputation, like a poorly built house, will cost as much for patching and repairs as would have made it thorough at first.

Gossiping and lying go together.

Who steals my purse steals trash; 'tis something, nothing, 'twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands; but he that filches from me my good name robs me of that which naught enriches him and makes me poor indeed.

A man's reputation lies at the mercy of others.

A good name is rather to be chosen than riches.

Then gently scan your brother man,
And gentler still your sister woman;
Though they may do a knowing wrong,
To step aside is human.

**Reserve.**

Show not the bottom of either your purse or mind.

**Respect.**

Never esteem a man or thyself the more for money, nor condemn him for the want of it.

A man, like a watch, is to be valued for his movements.

Love is what we give, respect is what we owe, and men would rather give than pay.

**Rest.**

Rest sweetens labor, and is always good; alternate rest and labor prolongs a man's life.

Men tire themselves in pursuit of rest; it is won only by trial.

What need of rest, except to be refreshed for further work and carry on our task?

**Retribution.**

Those who sow injustice reap hate and vengeance.

They have sown the wind and shall reap the whirlwind.

**Revenge.**

In taking revenge, a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing it over he is superior.

The noblest remedy for injuries is oblivion.

To revenge an injury is easy; to pardon is grand.

It costs more to revenge injuries than to bear them.

Only small minds rejoice in revenge.

The smallest worm will turn, being trodden on, and doves will peck in safeguard of their brood.

He who harboreth revenge keepeth his own wounds green.

**Reverence.**

Reverence is the crown of moral manhood.

True reverence is homage tempered with love.

Reverence is alike indispensable to the happiness of individuals, of families, and of nations.

Reverence is developed by looking for the good in others.

Only the reverent can appreciate nature.

Reverence, then, is not fear; but wonder, solemnity, and veneration.

Reverence is more than awe, it is awe softened and refined by gentleness and love.

Three kinds of reverence should be taught to youth—for superiors, for equals, and for inferiors.

No man of sound nature ever makes a mock of reverence.

In the full glow of the light of our times only the pure are really revered.

**Rewards.**

The good shall receive the wages of their virtue.

**Riches.**

A stitch in time saves nine.

Better give a shilling than lend and lose half a crown.

Fortune knocks once at least at every man's door.

The cares which are the keys of riches hang often so heavily at the rich man's girdle that they clog him with weary days and restless nights, when others sleep quietly.

Be not penny-wise; riches have wings, and sometimes they fly away of themselves; sometimes they must be set flying to bring in more.

Who would be rich must keep his conscience in his cash book.

God help the rich, the poor can beg.

All riches have limits.

The rich devour the poor and the devil devours the rich.

There are two families in the world, the haves and have nots.

He has riches enough who needs neither borrow nor flatter.

An ass is but an ass though laden with gold.

Riches serve a wise man but command a fool.

Who gives all his goods before he be dead,
Take up a mallet and knock him in the head.

**Ridicule.**

A fear of becoming ridiculous is the best check of our lives.

Ridicule stifles all energy.

It laughs men out of virtue and good sense.

**Right.**

Be sure you are right, then go ahead.

Between right and wrong never hesitate.

He who in questions of right, virtue or duty, sets himself above ridicule, is truly great, and shall laugh in the end with truer mirth than ever he was laughed at.

**Rogues.**

The informer is the worst rogue.

If you pity rogues you injure honest men.

When rogues fall out, honest men come by their own.

When rogues go in procession, the devil carries the cross.

Rogues in rags are kept in countenance by rogues in ruffles.

It is said there is honor among thieves.

I affirm before God, I never knew a rogue who was not unhappy.

It is much easier to think right without doing right than to do right without thinking right.

**Roses.**

Roses fall but the thorns remain.

Roses and maidens soon loose their bloom.

**Ruin.**

The road to ruin is broad, in order to accommodate the travel.

**Rules.**

There is no rule without an exception.

The man who never breaks a rule is little better than a fool.

**Rhymes.**

First canting, then wooing;
Then dallying, then doing.

When Adam delv'd and Eve span
Where was then the gentleman?

He that would please all and himself, too,
Undertakes what none can do.

Be always as merry as ever you can,
For no one delights in a sorrowful man.

Women and wine, game and deceit,
Make the wealth small, and the want great.

Maidens must be mild and meek,
Swift to hear and slow to speak.

The devil was sick, the devil a monk would be;
The devil was well, the devil a monk was he.

Who spends more than he should,
Hath not to spend what he would.

Plough deep, while sluggards sleep,
And you will have corn to sell and keep.

When I did well, I heard it never;
When I did ill, I heard it ever.

He who has thriven may sleep till seven.
He who will thrive, must rise at five.

I never saw an oft removed tree,
Nor yet an oft removed family,
That throve so well as those that settled be.

For age and want save while you may;
No morning sun lasts a whole day.

A light purse
Is a heavey curse.

It would make a man scratch where it did not itch, To see a man live poor, and then die rich.

**Sabbath.**

A holiday Sabbath is the ally of despotism.

A corruption of morals usually succeeds the profanation of the Sabbath.

He who would prepare for heaven must observe the sanctity of the Lord's day.

**Sarcasm.**

Sarcasm is the language of the devil.

Sarcasm poisons reproof.

A sneer is the weapon of the weak.

**Scandal.**

Believe that story false which should not be true.

He who circulates a scandal is nearly as bad as he who originated it.

**Skepticism.**

Free thinkers are those who never think at all.

The great doers in history have been men of faith.

The prejudices of skeptics are only surpassed by their ignorance.

**Scholars.**

A scholar has usually three maladies—poverty, pride, and the itch.

The mind of the scholar, to be large and liberal, must come in contact with other minds.

**Science.**

Science surpasses the miracles of mythology.

Science is organized knowledge.

Science is a golden chain of truths, and teaches men to think.

Science, as well as religion, had its martyrs.

**Scold.**

Since you have been scolding me I have counted a hundred and twenty holes in that nutmeg grater.

**Seasickness.**

A man who is seasick generally wants the earth.

When the ship commences to heave the passengers heave, too.

**Secrets.**

To him that you tell your secret you resign your liberty.

The only way to keep a secret is to say nothing.

There is nothing hid that shall not be manifested.

Three things most difficult to do: to keep a secret, to forget an injury, and to make good use of leisure.

The only secret a woman can keep is that of her age.

How can we expect another to keep our secret when we cannot keep it ourselves?

Thy friend has a friend, and thy friend's friend has a friend, so be discreet.

Let him have the key of thy heart who keeps securely the lock of his own.

A woman always thinks it takes two to keep a secret.

Don't ever let your hand know your foot's asleep.

A secret is like an umbrella,
Once out of your hand
It belongs to t'other fellow.

Tell everybody your business and the devil will do it for you.

Confide a secret to a dumb woman and it will make her speak.

Tell your secret to your servant and you make him your master.

Great talkers are like leaking vessels.

**Self-Conceit.**

Self-conceit is a poor seat to sit on.

The little mite thinks himself the whole cheese.

Those who live on vanity must expect to die of mortification.

Vanity is the food of fools.

He that is full of himself is empty.

Every man thinks his own geese swans.

Let us agree not step on each other's feet, said the peacock to the horse.

**Self-Control.**

Self-mastery is the essence of heroism.

Everyone is the son of his own works.

I have only one counsel for you, Be Master.

He that makes himself nothing is nothing.

We carry our greatest enemies within us.

No man is free who cannot command himself.

Beware of no man more than thyself.

When a man lays the foundation of his own ruin, others will build on it.

The man who would succeed in any great undertaking must hold all his faculties under perfect control.

Every man is the architect of his own fortunes.

Man is supreme lord and master
Of his own ruin and disaster.

One of the most important, but one of the most difficult things for a powerful mind is to be its own master.

The best government is that which teaches us to govern ourselves.

He is a fool who cannot be angry; but he is a wise man who will not.

The constancy of sages is nothing but the art of locking up their agitation in their hearts.

He that would govern others, first should be the master of himself.

He lost the game; no matter for that,
He kept his temper and swung his hat
To cheer the winners—a better way
Than to lose his temper and win the day.

**Self-Denial.**

True self-denial involves personal sacrifice for the good of others.

To give up interest for duty is the alphabet of morals.

A man of self-denial has the true ring which distinguishes the genuine from the counterfeit.

In our earliest years we must train ourselves to forego little things for the sake of others.

The burdens which boyhood and girlhood must bear in acquiring an education, learning a trade, resisting temptation, and building spotless characters, demand the constant exercise of self-denial.

**Self-Improvement.**

The grand object of self-education is the mind; to cultivate the intellectual and moral powers.

This is man's self; this is capable of much improvement; this imperiously demands our care; and this will beyond all calculation repay us.

The largest room in the world is the room for self-improvement.

**Selfishness.**

We talk on principle, but we act on interest.

A dog with a bone knows no friend.

No man is more cheated than the selfish man.

There are too many who reverse both the principles and the practices of the apostles; they become all things to all men, not to serve others, but themselves; and they try all things only to hold fast that which is bad.

The selfish heart deserves the pain it feels.
More genr'ous sorrow, while it sinks, exalts;
And conscious virtue mitigates the pang.

**Self-Knowledge.**

Of all studies, study your present condition.

To know one's self is true progress.

Every man kens best where his own shoe pinches.

The first step to self-knowledge is self-distrust; nor can we attain to any kind of knowledge except by a like process.

O, wad some pow'r the giftie gie us,
To see ourselves as ithers see us.

**Self-Love.**

Self-love in a well-regulated breast is as the steward of the household, superintending the expenditure, and seeing that benevolence herself should be prudential, in order to be permanent, by providing that the reservoir which feeds should also be fed.

**Self-Reliance.**

Every person has two educations, one which he receives from others, and one, more important, which he gives himself.

Be sure, my son, and remember that the best men always make themselves.

In battle or business, whatever the game,
In law, or in love, it is ever the same;
In the struggle for power, or the scramble for pelf,
Let this be your motto, "Rely on yourself."

The best thing that can happen to a young man

is to be tossed overboard and compelled to sink or swim for himself.

Our remedies oft in ourselves do lie, which we ascribe to heaven.

**Self-Respect.**

Above all things respect yourself.

Self-respect, self-knowledge, self-control: these three alone lend life to sovereign power.

Self-respect is a great aid to pure living.

True self-respect challenges the admiration of others.

It is generally the man who thinks well of himself who comes to be thought well of.

The main business of life is not to do something great, but to become great ourselves.

To thine own self be true, and it will follow, as night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.

**Self-Righteousness.**

Making a bridge of our own shadow.

The hypocrite thinks himself religious, not from any goodness of his own, but from the badness of others.

Many who have escaped the rocks of gross sins have been cast away on the sands of self-righteousness.

The greatest step to heaven is out of our own doors, over our own threshold.

**Sense.**

If a man is born without common sense, he will die without it.

A criminal refused to trust a lawyer with his secret, because he said "he was born with his mouth open; he was always talking on the street about his cases."

Common sense cannot be taught.

No sense is so uncommon as common sense.

A handful of common sense is worth a bushel of learning.

Our senses, as our reason, are divine.

Wit so pointed, it ne'er lost its end,
And so well tempered, it ne'er lost a friend.

Sound sense consists in giving to everything its due degree of importance; in proportioning sentiment to the occasion that calls it forth.

**Sentiment.**

Sentiment is intellectual emotion.

Sentiment is the life and soul of poetry and art.

**Servants.**

You can never tip a waiter so he will lose his balance.

If you pay not a servant his wages he will pay himself.

If you have a loitering servant set his dinner before him and send him on an errand.

Fire and water are good servants, but bad masters.

Be not familiar with the servants; at first it may beget love, but eventually will breed contempt.

There should be but one master.

He who serves the public obliges nobody.

If you wish to be well served, serve yourself.

**Shadows.**

Grasping at shadows we let the substance slip.

Most of the shadows that cross our path through life are caused by our standing in our own light.

**Shame.**

Shame lost, honor lost.

Where there is shame there is virtue.

Mortifications are often more painful than calamities.

That man is lost who has lost his sense of shame.

One does the blame, another bears the shame.

He who has no shame has no conscience.

**Sickness.**

God lays us on our backs that we may look heavenward.

Sickness is the vengeance of nature for the violation of her law.

The sickness of the body may prove the health of the soul.

When people are sick they think they will be good.

**Silence.**

Reason teaches silence, while the heart urges us to speak.

Speech is silver, silence golden.

Many have suffered from talking, few from silence.

The silent dog is the first to bite.

It is the wise head that makes the still tongue.

A tattler is worse than a thief.

Well-timed silence hath more eloquence than speech.

Silence is an excellent remedy against slander.

The long unanswered letter bringeth friendship nigh to death,
And few affections can endure determined dogged silence.

More have repented of speech than silence.

Say nothing and saw wood.

It used to take a miracle to make an ass talk. Now it takes one to keep one quiet.

Many have fallen by the edge of the sword, but not so many as have fallen by the tongue.

**Sieve.**

Said the sieve to the needle, "You have a hole in your head."

**Simplicity.**

Simplicity of character is the result of profound thought.

The greatest truths, like the greatest men, are the simplest.

There is a majesty in simplicity beyond the qualities of wit.

Simplicity in character, in manner, in style; in all things the supreme excellence is simplicity.

**Sin.**

Every man has his besetting sin.

The wages of sin is death.

Sin let loose, punishment quickly follows.

Little sins are pioneers of hell.

One sin, new shame.

All crimes are sins, but all sins are not crimes.

**Sincerity.**

Sincerity is the face of the soul, as simulation is its mask.

Weak persons cannot be sincere.

Sincerity and truth are the basis of every virtue.

One breast laid open were a school which would unteach mankind the art to rule.

**Sheep.**

Sheep are the first animals mentioned in the Bible.

The first shepherd was the first martyr.

**Show.**

The boughs that bear most hang lowest.

He that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

**Slander.**

The most dangerous of wild beasts is a slanderer.

Slander is the homage which vice pays to virtue.

The man that dares traduce, because he can
With safety to himself, is not a man.

When men speak ill of thee, live so as nobody may believe them.

Calumny would soon die and starve of itself if nobody took it in and gave it lodging.

The pure in heart are slow to credit calumnies.

Avoid a slanderer as you would a serpent.

The slanderer is like a serpent. The serpent stings; it is but a sting; but from that sting the poison diffuses itself through the whole body. The slanderer speaks! it is but a word, but that word resounds everywhere.

**Sleep.**

Sleep knits up the raveled sleeve of care.

Tired nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep.

Hard work in the last three or four hours of the working day should be avoided.

Position affects sleep, especially that of a policeman.

When a man dies of insomnia it is not necessary to hold a wake over his body.

Downy sleep, life's nurse, sent to us from heaven to renew us daily.

**Sloth.**

Sloth is the mother of poverty.

Sloth, like rust, consumes faster than labor wears; it is the torpidity of the mental faculties: sleep profound.

If men were perfectly contented there would no longer be any activity in the world.

Restless activity prevents individual and national stagnation.

Sloth wears out the body and consumes the mind.
Sloth has smothered away many virtues.

**Smiles.**

Smiles embellish a homely face, and redeem an ugly one.

**Snare.**

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

**Sneers.**

Those who sneer habitually at human nature, and get to despise it, are among its worst and least pleasant samples.

Who can refute a sneer?

A sneer is independent of proof or disproof, reason, argument or sense.

A sneer is often the evidence of heartless malignity.

There was a lurking devil in his sneer.

Sneering marks the egotist, the fool and the knave.

**Society.**

Society is an atmosphere of souls, and we imbibe from it something that is either infectious or healthful.

In men this blunder yet you find,
All think their little set mankind.

Society is composed of bores and bored.
Success in society is the result of sympathy.
No company is preferable to bad.

**Soldiers.**

Soldiers are martyrs to ambition.
The best of soldiers come from the plow.
Soldiers in peace are like chimneys in summer.
A young soldier, a young beggar.

**Solitude.**

All mighty designs are planned in solitude.

A wise man is never less alone than when alone.

Solitude is the audience chamber of God; it nerves us for life's conflict.

**Songs.**

A song will outlive sermons in the memory.

Dewdrops of celestial melody.

**Sorrow.**

The path of sorrow, and that path alone,
Leads to that land where sorrow is unknown.

Life resembles a cup of clear water which becomes muddy as we drink it.

Sin and sorrow are inseparable.

Earth has no sorrow which Heaven cannot heal.

May there be just clouds enough in your life to cause a glorious sunset.

The deeper the sorrow the less tongue it has.

Some hearts are useless until they are broken.

With the years come regrets and tears.

Telling your troubles is swelling your troubles.

You cannot prevent the birds of sadness from flying over your head, but you may prevent them from stopping to build their nests there.

Come rest in this bosom, my own stricken deer!
Tho' the herd has fled from thee thy home is still here.
Here still is the smile that no cloud can o'ercast,
And the heart and the hand all thine own to the last.

**Sovereign.**

King's entreaties are commands.

The king's friend is he who tells him the truth.

As princes fiddle, subjects must dance.

No prince is so bad but what his follies are worse.

A crown is no cure for the headache.

**Sowing.**

As you make your bed so must you lie in it.

One plows, another sows,
Who will reap no one knows.

An ill life, an ill end.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life.

Be your own most useful friend;
Cease on others to depend.

Those who sow injustice shall reap hate and vengeance.

He that sows wild oats will reap wild oats.

Nothing but leaves! No gathered sheaves
Of life's fair ripening grain;
We sow our seeds, lo! tares and weeds,
Words, idle words, for earnest deeds;
We reap with toil and pain
Nothing but leaves.

**Speech.**

If a man be a fool his speech will tell it.

A bird is known by its note and a man by his talk.

Education begins a gentleman, conversation completes him.

An orator without judgment is a horse without a bridle.

When there is a gap in the conversation, don't put your foot in it.

Think twice before you speak once and you will speak twice the better for it.

Tell not all you know; believe not all you hear.

Conceit causes more conversation than wit.

The wise man's tongue is a shield, not a sword.

In conversation humor is more than wit, easiness more than knowledge.

If you your lips would keep from slips,
Five things observe with care;
Of whom you speak, to whom you speak,
And how and when and where.

Men should not talk to please themselves, but those that hear them.

Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt.

Words and eggs must be handled with care;
For words once spoken,
And eggs once broken,
Are not the easiest things to repair.

**Spring.**

One swallow does not make spring.

**Stars.**

I am the bright and morning star.

It was a star that led the wise men to the manger at Bethlehem.

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and forever.

As are the beautiful stars of night so are the beautiful deeds of a good man amongst his fellow men.

Astronomers tell us there are millions of stars and that every star is a sun, many of them hundreds of times larger than our own.

**Statesman.**

Yet a friend to truth, of soul sincere,
In action faithful, and in honor clear;
Who broke no promise, served no private end,
Who gained no title, and who lost no friend.

**Strenuous.**

To succeed in difficult undertakings we must be bold, active, earnest, ardent, enthusiastic—strenuous.

**Study.**

A boy will learn more true wisdom in a public school in a year than by private tuition in five.

It is from their equals the lads gain information of the world; competition and rivalry stimulate effort.

History makes men wise, mathematics subtle, philosophy deep.

Of making books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the mind.

He learns much who studies other men; he learns more who studies himself.

Mathematics, subtle; natural philosophy, deep; moral philosophy, grave; poetry, witty.

**Style.**

A thing of beauty is a joy forever.

Style indicates the personality of the writer, displaying his emotions and sensations.

Obscurity and affectation are the great faults of style.

A thing of beauty is a joy forever—till it goes out of style.

Style indicates the personality of the writer, displaying his emotions and sensations.

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**Sublimity.**

The sublimest thoughts are conceived by the intellect when it is excited by pious emotions.

One source of sublimity is infinity.

The truly sublime is natural and easy.

**Success.**

Success in life is the result not so much of talent or opportunity, as of perseverance.

Deserve success and you shall attain it.

To insure success one should curb his passions, and repress his expectations.

Common sense and perseverance are the necessary ingredients of success.

Nothing succeeds like success.

The secret of success is constancy to purpose.

Addison said, "We will do more than achieve success, we will deserve it."

He who swells in prosperity will shrink in adversity.

Prosperity may spoil me,
And my troubles all enhance;
But Lord send it down once,
I think I'll take the chance.

The secret of success is embracing every opportunity of seeking noble ends.

**Suicide.**

Suicide usually proceeds from cowardice, which sometimes prevents it.

Suicide plunges the living soul into endless night.

**Superstition.**

Superstition always inspires bitterness.

There are proselytes from atheism, but none from superstition.

**Surety.**

If thou force thy debtor to pay he will become thine enemy.

He who is security for another is never secure himself.

If a friend asketh thee to go on his bond, give him what thou canst spare.

**Suspicion.**

Suspicion is no less an enemy to virtue than to happiness.

A man suspected is half condemned.

A slight suspicion may destroy reputation.

Discreet suspicion avoids a multitude of evils which credulity engenders.

At the gate where suspicion enters, love and confidence go out.

Suspicion is the poison of friendship; children are free from this vice.

A villain when he seems most kind is most to be suspected.

**Sweetheart.**

Let every husband stay a lover true, and every wife remain a sweetheart, too.

**Sympathy.**

A brother's suffering claims a brother's pity.

Sympathy is the first great lesson a man should learn.

Next to love, sympathy is the divinest passion of the human breast.

> Kindness by secret sympathy is tried,
> For noble souls in nature are allied.

There is little influence where there is little sympathy, hence our seniors in age seldom influence us.

**Tact.**

Tact is the life of the five senses.

Talent is wealth, tact ready money.

A little tact and wise management may often gain a point where direct force would fail.

Tact knows what to do, and how to do it.

Tact supplies the place of many talents.

**Talent.**

Talent is the capacity of doing anything that depends upon application and industry.

Small certainties are the bane of talented men.

Talent convinces, genius but excites.

**Talkativeness.**

A wise man thinks all he says, a fool says all he thinks.

Wise men talk because they have something to say, fools because they wish to say something.

The less a man thinks, the more he talks.

He that speaks sows, he that hears reaps.

A bridle for the tongue is a fine piece of harness.

Never hold any one by the button in order to be heard out; better hold your tongue.

When in doubt what to say, say nothing.

He who knows nothing knows enough if he knows when to be silent.

Flies don't enter a closed mouth.

Say nothing without you're compelled to,
And then nothing that you can be held to.

**Task.**

Each morning sees some task begun,
Each evening sees its close;
Something attempted, something done,
Has earned a night's repose.

**Taste.**

Taste is the perception of the beautiful, susceptibility to truth and nobleness; a sense to discern and a heart to reverence beauty, order and goodness.

It implies keenness of mental vision in harmony with itself.

**Teaching.**

To know how to suggest is the art of good teaching.

Delightful task to rear the tender thought, and teach the young idea how to shoot.

Teachers are the allies of legislators.

Thoroughly to instruct others is the best way to learn yourselves.

Suggest rather than dogmatize.

Children are like vases, they can imbibe little instruction at a time.

**Tears.**

God washes the eyes with tears, that we may see heaven, where tears are shed no more.

Tears are not the mark of weakness, but the safety valves of the heart.

Tears humanize the soul.

Every woe a tear may claim, except an erring sister's shame.

Onions can make heirs and widows weep.

Tears are sometimes as weighty as gold.

Tearless grief bleeds inwardly.

**Temper.**

Cheerfulness lightens sickness and affliction.

Good temper joined with innocence makes beauty attractive, knowledge delightful, and wit sparkling.

Keep your temper; no one else wants it.

A little pot is soon hot.

Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad.

When passion comes in at the door wisdom leaps out of the window.

Good temper sheds a brightness over everything.

Men of softness of temper have seldom noble sensations of soul.

Bad temper bites at both ends; it makes one's self nearly as miserable as it does other people.

If you lose your temper, don't look for it.

Good temper oils the wheels of life.

Temper is so good a thing that we should never lose it.

A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.

If religion has done nothing for your temper it has done nothing for your soul.

**Temperance.**

Temperance is the nurse of chastity.

Rum will brutalize the manliest man in Christendom.

Rum excites all that is bad, vicious and criminal in man.

There may be some wit in a barrel of beer, but there is more in leaving it alone.

Intemperance is now considered a social disgrace.

The temperate man desires to hold all his pleasures within the limits of what is honorable.

**Temptation.**

'Tis one thing to be tempted, another thing to fall.

Few men can resist the highest bidder.

Every successful resistance to temptation is a victory.

When a man resists sin on human motives only, he cannot hold out long.

To realize God's presence secures us against temptation.

He who keeps off the ice will not slip through.

No one can be caught in places he does not visit.

Temptation once yielded to gains power.

He who avoids the temptation avoids the sin.

Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lusts and enticed.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man.

'Tis one thing to be tempted, and another thing to fall.

**Tenderness.**

No man was ever truly great and generous unless he was also tender and compassionate.

The less tenderness a man possesses the more he looks for it in others.

**Thankfulness.**

Be thankful for many things you did not get.

**Theatres.**

The theatre conforms to the taste of its auditors, otherwise they would remain absent.

It is a ruiner of human life only in its worst and most immoral phases.

A theatre conducted on moral principles would certainly bankrupt the manager.

**Theology.**

Truth is everlasting, but our ideas of truth are mutable.

What constitutes a Christian is not the theology we have in our heads, but the faith and love we have in our hearts.

Theology begins and ends with Christ and the atonement.

**Theories.**

We delight in investigating the abstruse.

Theories are the guides to practice.

They are but dreams till their effects be tried.

It is easier to design than to execute.

**Thief.**

The sun's a thief, and with his great attraction
Robs the vast sea; the moon's an arrant thief,
And her pale fire she snatches from the sun;
The sea's a thief, whose liquid surge resolves
The earth into salt tears; the earth's a thief
That feeds and breeds by a composture
Stolen from general excrement; each thing's a thief.

**Thought.**

Learning without thought is labor lost.

The sober second thought is seldom wrong.

Mind unemployed is mind unenjoyed.

Expression is the dress of thought.

Words once spoken cannot be wiped out with a sponge.

A civil guest will no more talk all the time than eat all the feast.

Thought is brain sweat.

Speech is the gift of all, but thought of few.

The great thinker is seldom a disputant.

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.

The rich are too indolent, the poor too weak, to bear the fatigue of thinking.

In matters of conscience first thoughts are best; in matters of prudence second thoughts.

Thoughts shut up want air, and spoil like bales unopened to the sun.

**Thoughts for the Thirsty.**

Many a child is hungry because the brewer is rich.

Another pot, try the tea pot.

Drink like a fish—water only.

Keep your lip from sip and sip.

If you get the best of whiskey it will get the best of you.

Liquor talks mighty loud when it gets out of the jug.

Adam's ale is the best brew.

Don't color your nose with publican's paint.

Wine has drowned more men than the sea.

**Thunder.**

It does not thunder until the lightning has struck.

**Time.**

A stitch in time saves nine.

Happy the man and happy he alone who can call to-day his own.

Much may be accomplished in our leisure half hours.

Time well employed is Satan's deadliest foe. Lost wealth may be replaced by industry, lost knowledge by study, lost health by temperance or medicine, but lost time is gone forever.

We measure time by actions, by heart throbs, not by figures on the dial.

Improve your time and your time will improve you.

Time is a physician that either kills or cures.

No greater crime than loss of time.

Dost thou love life, then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

To save time is to lengthen life.

Lose an hour in the morning and you will be all day hunting for it.

The great rule of moral conduct, next to God, is to value time.

Take time while time is, for time will away.

Queen Elizabeth said, "All my possessions for a moment of time."

They that make the best use of time have none to spare.

Touch us gently, Time!
We have not proud nor soaring wings;
Our ambition, our content,
Lies in simple things.
Humble voyagers are we,
O'er life's dim, unsounded sea,
Seeking only some calm clime:
Touch us gently, gentle Time!

Make good use of time as thou valuest eternity.

**Toil.**

The heights by great men reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night.

**Tongue.**

Tongue can never express the sweet comfort and peace of a soul in its earliest love.

By examining the tongues of patients physicians find out diseases of the body, and philosophers the diseases of the mind.

**Toothache.**

There never yet was philosopher who could endure the toothache patiently.

**Trade.**

Measure thrice what thou buyest, and cut but once.

He that shows his money shows his judgment.

**Trades.**

Give your boys trades and you give them the means of self-support and independence. Though they may not need to follow them for a living, yet they may have to.

In Germany all have to learn trades; the emperor, his brothers, sons, and the nobility, as well as those who depend upon them for a living.

Satan selects his disciples from the idle, but our Saviour chose his while they were busy at their trades, making or mending their nets, or fishing in the sea. Nay, he himself stooped to a trade. He was a carpenter.

**Tramps.**

The world owes every man a living, and every tramp an existence.

Tramps are always in quest of a job, but hope they never will find one.

**Tragedy.**

The world is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel.

**Travel.**

Two things the traveler easily forgets, his umbrella and the truth.

To the weary traveler all beds are soft as down.

A man need not be a good traveler solely because his mind wanders.

We desire to go abroad in order to observe things, which at home we would not notice.

Travel makes a wise man better and a fool worse.

To increase our love of our country, it is only necessary to travel abroad.

One month's travel gives us more information than a year's reading of books.

Travel enlarges our ideas, for he who goes abroad is full of prejudices.

The worst bred person in company is a young traveler just returned from abroad.

**Treasure.**

Where the trasure is, there the heart is.

Lay up your treasures in heaven.

**Trees.**

Set trees poor and they will grow rich, set them rich and they will grow poor.

**Trifles.**

Despise not a small wound, a poor kinsman, or a humble enemy.

There are no trifles in the moral universe of God.

A little leak will sink a great ship.

A point is the beginning of magnitude.

A little each day is much in a year.

Your clock within one twelvemonth ticketh thirty million seconds.

A journey of a thousand miles is begun with a step.

Trifles will make you liked or disliked.

Little and often fills the purse.

Little things are magnified by small men.

Little strokes fell great oaks.

Honesty in little things is not a little thing.

Vast is the mighty ocean, but drops have made it vast.

Every day is a little life, and our whole life is but a day repeated.

A life devoted to trifles draws us from higher pursuits.

It is a great thing to do a little thing well.

Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

Trifles light as air are to the jealous confirmation strong as proofs of holy writ.

**Trouble.**

Never borrow trouble.

Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you.

Trouble springs from idleness, and grievous tests from needless ease.

Never trust him you have wronged.

Troubles are the means by which our Heavenly Father tests our love for Him.

Troubles bring out our latent faculties.

**Truth.**

Truth fears nothing but concealment.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord and he shall sustain thee.

Truth seeks no corners.

The greatest homage we can pay to truth is to use it.

Falsehood is always in a hurry.

The truth will out.

Truth travels in straight lines.

None but cowards lie.

Truth is the foundation of all knowledge, and the cement of society.

A reputation for truthfulness is quickly gained, if you always speak ill of yourself.

Tell the truth and shame the devil.

What is truth, said jesting Pilate, and would not stay for an answer.

Truth is conformity to fact.

Truth is stranger than fiction.

Truth is the handmaid of justice, freedom its child, peace its companion.

He who conceals a fact is equally guilty with him who tells a lie.

Thou must be true thyself if thou the truth would teach.

It needeth courage to be true,
And steadfastly the right to do;
Loving him that wrongeth you.

Truth is hard and sometimes hurts.

Children and fools speak the truth.

The withholding of truth is sometimes a worse deception than a direct misstatement.

Truth, crushed to earth, will rise again;
The eternal years of God are hers;
But error, wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among her worshipers.

Abstract truth is the most precious of all blessings.

**Trust.**

To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved.

The man who trusts mankind will make fewer mistakes than he who distrusts them.

He who trusteth not is not deceived.

Between trust and distrust lies the safe road.

Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.

A prudent man does not make the goat his gardener.

**Tyranny.**

Where law ends tyranny begins.

Kings will be tyrants from policy, where subjects are rebels from principle.

'Tis excellent to have a giant's strength, but tyrannous to use it like a giant.

**Ugliness.**

Your mirror is more truthful than your friend.

**Unbelief.**

Unbelief is the belief of a lie.

Unbelief is believing the contrary.

Unbelief makes this world a modern desert.

Disbelief in futurity lessens the ties of morality, and is prejudicial to the peace and safety of society.

Scott said, "Better they had ne'er been born, who read to doubt, or read to scorn.

Narrowness is the mother of unbelief.

**Uncivil.**

A man has no more right to say an uncivil thing than to act one; no more right to say a rude thing to another man than to knock him down.

**Understanding.**

The defects of the understanding grow worse as we grow old.

Steele said, "I know of no evil so great as the abuse of the understanding, and yet there is no vice more common.

A brainy man finds less difficulty in submitting to a wrong-headed fellow than in attempting to set him right.

**Usefulness.**

The most common things are the most useful.

Men and things are only valuable as they are useful.

Uselessness is unfitness for any end.

Uselessness is worthlessness.

**Usury.**

A usurer takes too much interest in his business.

Go not to a covetous old man with any request too soon in the morning, before he hath taken in that day's prey; for his covetousness is up before him, and he before thee, and he is in ill humor; but stay till the afternoon, till he be satisfied upon some borrower.

**Vacation.**

Twice annually a man feels the need of rest—just before the summer vacation and just after it.

**Vagrancy.**

Beware of those who are homeless from choice.

Vagrants claim the world owes them a living—and they mean to get it.

Vagrancy is not aimless wandering; it is organized for preying on industry; that is known to few but vagrants themselves.

You have no hold on a being whose affections are without a tap root.

**Valor.**

Many are brave when the enemy flies.

He who fights and runs away will live to fight another day.

Cowards die many times before their death.

The valiant never die but once.

None but the brave deserves the fair.

The height of true valor is to dare to do your duty on all occasions.

The better part of valor is discretion; in the which better part I have saved my life.

Valor brings success to few, misfortune to many.

The brave alone know how to forgive.

The love of glory, the fear of shame, the desire of ease, and the humor of pulling down other people.

Put a coward on his mettle and he'll fight the devil.

**Vanity.**

Men will starve their happiness to feed their vanity, and their love to feed their pride.

Vanity makes the rake at twenty, the worldly man at forty, and the retired man at sixty.

Vanity has no sex.

Those who live on vanity may expect to die of mortification.

Personal vanity is incongruous with the great and ideal.

Every man has as much vanity as he lacks understanding.

Of all our infirmities vanity is dearest to us.

Vanity displays itself most in conversation.

Pride makes us esteem ourselves, love approbation; vanity, if you will, makes us desire the esteem of others.

Men should both esteem themselves and desire the esteem of others.

A man may be too proud to be vain, or too vain to be proud.

When I see a person's name
Scratched upon the glass,
I know he owns a diamond,
And his father owns an ass.

The strongest passions allow us some rest, but vanity keeps us perpetually in motion.

What a dust do I raise! says the fly upon a coach wheel. And at what a rate do I drive! says the fly upon the horse's back.

**Variety.**

Variety's the source of earthly joys.

It is the spice of life that gives it all its flavor.

The most delightful pleasures clog without variety.

**Vice.**

The greatest incitement to vice is the belief that sin can be committed with impunity.

The first false step in guilt hangs on the edge of a precipice, whose steep descent in perdition ends.

Original sin remains in us until exterminated by divine grace.

After one vice a greater follows.

When our vices leave us we flatter ourselves that we leave them.

When vice resembles virtue it is most dangerous.

Great vices and great virtues alike make men famous.

He who does evil that good may come pays a toll to the devil to let him into heaven.

A hundred years of wrong do not make an hour of right.

Better keep the devil out than have to turn him out.

From one black deed a thousand taunting fiends arise.

The devil turns away from a closed door.

He who swims in sin will sink in sorrow.

Who is not ashamed of sin sins double.

The willing contemplation of vice is vice.

The martyrs to vice far exceed the martyrs to virtue, both in endurance and number.

Prosperity discovers vice, but adversity discovers virtue.

No man ever reached the summit of vice suddenly. No man ever reached the depths of vice at once.

A good man gone wrong is generally a bad man found out.

Crimes often shock us greatly, vices too little.

Who steals a pin will steal a greater thing.

He that takes the devil into his boat must carry him over the sound.

Vice is a monster of such frightful mien, that to be hated needs but to be seen; yet seen too oft, familiar with her face, we first endure, then pity, then embrace.

**Violence.**

Violent fires soon burn out themselves, and sudden storms are short.

Nothing good ever comes from violence.

**Virtue.**

Some by admiring other men's virtues become enemies to their own vices.

A heart unspotted is not easily daunted.

Virtue alone is true nobility.

Virtue is its own reward.

Virtue and happiness are mother and daughter.

To be virtuous is to be happy.

Virtue is the best gift of heaven; it may be assailed but never hurt.

Doing good to serve one's ends
Is serving God for dividends.

The beauty of holiness is the highest beauty.

Everything great is not always good, but all good things are great.

Virtue preserved from fell destruction's blast,
Led on by heaven, and crowned with joy at last.

Virtue is the first title of nobility.

A lie has no legs, but a slander has wings.

Argument seldom convinces any one contrary to his inclinations.

In nature there's no blemish, but the mind;
None can be call'd deformed but the unkind;
Virtue is beauty; but the beauteous evil
Are empty trunks, o'erflourished by the devil.

A good life keeps off wrinkles.

All fame is dangerous; good brings envy; bad, shame.

Do good to your friend, that he may be more wholly yours; to your enemy, that he may become your friend.

A work well begun is half ended.

Virtue consists of three things—temperance, fortitude and justice.

Make a virtue of necessity.

Most men prefer to indulge in easy vices than to practice laborious virtue.

Virtue consists in performing our whole duty to God, to ourselves, to our fellow men.

He who plants kindness, gathers love.

It pays to be good, and it's good to be paid.

Be good and you will be lonesome.

We may be good as we please if we please to be good.

Much of virtue is the dread of the world's opinion of us.

Do the best and leave the rest.

It is not how long, but how well we live.

He who plants knowledge gathers love.

No man is born wise; but wisdom and virtue require a tutor; though we can easily learn to be vicious without a master.

**Vivacity.**

The vivacity of one relieves the dullness of others.

**Voice.**

The sweetest of all sounds is the voice of the woman we love.

Sweet is the voice of a sister in times of sorrow.

A loud voice bespeaks a vulgar man.

The voice of the people is the voice of God.

Often the voice of the masses is the voice of asses.

There is no index of character so sure as the human voice.

The devil hath not in all his quiver's choice an arrow for the heart like a sweet voice.

**Vulgarity.**

Never descend to vulgarity, even in joking.

The manner of a vulgar man hath freedom without ease, and the manner of a gentleman hath ease without freedom.

You may daub and bedizen the man as you will,
But the stamp of the vulgar will stick to him still.

**Wag.**

A wag is the lowest order of pretenders to wit and humor.

He is too empty to originate a jest.

**Wager.**

A wager is a fool's argument.

Most men, till by reading rendered sager,
Will back their opinion for a wager.

**Waiting.**

He that waits for dead men's shoes may long go barefoot.

**Wants.**

It is not from nature, but from education and habit that our wants are chiefly derived.

We are ruined not by what we want, but by what we think we want.

The reason so few people get what they want is they don't want hard enough.

Man wants but little here below,
Nor wants that little long.
'Tis not with me exactly so,
But 'tis so in the song.
My wants are many, and if told
Would muster many a score;
And were each wish a mint of gold
I still should long for more.

**War.**

When war begins hell opens.

The greatest curse that can be entailed on mankind is civil war.

War includes every vice.

That war is only just when it is necessary.

Even war is better than a wretched peace.

In time of war the devil provides additional apartments in hell.

The wise ruler would rather preserve peace than achieve a victory.

All battle is misunderstanding.

**Weakness.**

To be weak is to be miserable, doing or suffering.

Weakness is but vice in disguise.

Every man has his hobby horse.

**Wealth.**

The love of money is the root of all evil, but the need of money is the evil itself.

Money begets money.

Money is power.

God help the poor, the rich can help themselves.

He is rich who owes nothing and who is satisfied.

Wrinkled purses make wrinkled faces.

The secret of making money is the saving of it.

Better an empty purse than an empty head.

Petty mind and a beggar's purse.

No place is so high that an ass laden with gold cannot attain it.

To become rich we must appear to be so.

A fortune in the hands of a fool is a misfortune.

The more a man has the more he wants.

Money never yet made a man happy.

To acquire wealth is difficult, to retain it, more difficult of all.

Vulgar minds will always pay greater respect to wealth than talent.

A horse is worth more after it is broke, but it is different with a man.

The way to wealth is as plain as the way to market; it depends only on two words—industry and frugality.

Live within your income when you cannot live without it.

Ready money is Aladdin's lamp.

The greatest wealth is contentment with little.

He's rich who is satisfied.

The only way for a rich man to be healthy is by exercise and abstinence; to live as if he were poor.

Much money, many friends.

For thy sake the fool throws up his interest in both worlds, first starved in this, then damned in that to come.

The acquisition of wealth entails ceaseless labor, its possession continual fear, its loss excessive grief.

The abuse of riches is worse than the want of them.

There is no better friend in misfortune than gold.

Gold is the sinew of the world.

Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

Excessive wealth yields neither joy nor happiness.

**Weariness.**

It is great weariness to do nothing.

Never weary in well-doing.

But if this weariness hath come
A present from on high,
Teach me to find the hidden wealth
That in its depths may lie.

**Weather.**

Evening red and morning gray,
Set the traveler on his way; but
Evening gray, and morning red,
Brings down rain upon his head.

If Candlemas Day be clear and fair,
We'll have two winters in one year.

Set trees poor and they will grow rich; set them rich and they will grow poor.

This rule in gardening ne'er forget—
To sow dry and set wet.

Sow wheat in dirt and rye in dust.

A snow year, a rich year.

The change of weather is the discourse of fools.

**Wedlock.**

The woman's occupation and her mission is at home, a home other than her father's and knit with dearer ties.

Who can guess the potency of woman's love and patience, her precious influence, her sweet strength, to bless a husband's home?

She that weds well will wisely match her love,
Nor be below her husband—nor above.

Take heed that what charmeth thee is real, nor springeth of thine own imagination; and suffer not trifles to win thy love.

Blessed is the man that hath a virtuous wife, for the number of his days shall be doubled.

Who weds a sot to get his cot will lose the cot and keep the sot.

At the gate which suspicion enters love goes out.

A friend that you buy with presents will be bought from you.

Easy to keep the castle that was never besieged.

He loves you as a ferrit does a rabbit, to make a meal of you.

If the mother had never been in the oven, she would not have looked for her daughter there.

Take heed, girl, of the promise of a man, for it will run like a crab.

**Well-doing.**

Rest satisfied with doing well and leave others to talk about you as they will.

When I did well I heard it never;
When I did ill I heard it ever.

The conscience of well-doing is an ample reward.

Doing good is the only certain happy act of a man's life.

The good you do is not lost, though you forget it.

If nothing more than purpose in thy power,
Thy purpose firm is equal to the deed;
Who does the best his circumstances allow
Does well, acts nobly; angels could no more.

**Whispers.**

A whisper oft separates friends.

The whisperer's tongue is worse than the serpent's venom.

Where there is whispering there is lying.

Never whisper in company.

**Widow.**

Widows weep for the lack of a husband, and not for the loss of one.

The woman who marries a second time has no cause to complain.

He that woos a maid must seldom come in her sight,
But he that woes a widow, must woo her day and night.

**Wife.**

The best furniture in a house is a virtuous woman.

The first wife is a servant, the second a lady.

The peculiar gift of heaven.

Better a bachelor's life
Than a slovenly wife.

The speaker of the house is your wife.

He who does not honor his wife dishonors himself.

A man without a wife is like a house without a roof.

Who has a bad wife his hell begins on earth.

The wife that expects to have a good name
Is always at home as if she were lame.

Who takes a rich wife sells his freedom.

The wife loves with the heart, the husband with the head.

That men scold their wives in public indicates that they are afraid to do so at home.

As the good man saith, so say we,
But as the good wife saith, so must it be.

Wives are young men's mistresses, companions for middle age, and old men's nurses.

She who ne'er answers till her husband cools, or if she rules him never shows she rules, charms by accepting, by submitting, sways, yet has her control most when she obeys.

A woman can throw away more with a spoon
Than a man can bring in with a shovel.

Descend a step in choosing thy wife, ascend a step in choosing thy friend.

The ideal wife never marries.

The foot on the cradle and the hand on the distaff make up the picture of the good housewife.

An obedient wife commands her husband.

Sweet, sensible and sincere
Is dowry worth a hemisphere.

The man who is proud of his wife should occasionally tell her so.

Better a fortune in a wife than with a wife.

A man cannot possess anything better than a good wife, nor worse than a poor one.

**Will-power.**

Men, dying, make their wills,
But wives escape a work so sad;
Why should the gentle dames make
What all their lives they've had?

Great souls have wills, feeble ones have only wishes.

People do not lack strength, they lack will.

To deny the freedom of the will is to make morality impossible.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor, and to wait.

Where there's a will there's a way.
We have more power than will.
No termination without determination.
Willing comes before working.
When the will is ready the feet are light.
Like a postage stamp, a man's value depends on his ability to stick to a thing till he gets there.
Little strokes fell great oaks.

Wanted a will!
They would come to church, but they want a hat, a bonnet, or a shawl;
They want time; they must rest after six days' work.
Their wants are innumerable, but one they never name—
They want will. Where there's a will there's a way.
Character is educated will.
Culture of will is character building.
The first element of success is determination to succeed.
Conscious will is the only true basis of moral action.
Will is the most vital element of character.
Feebleness of will brings about weakness of head and of heart.
Strength of will is power to resist and persist.
Control of the will is preferable to knowledge.
A man's being in a good or bad humor depends upon his will.
The important thing in life is to have a great aim and the determination to attain it.

The education of the will is the object of our existence.

Man is made great or little by his will.

**Willingness.**

Who serves everybody gets thanks from nobody.

Make yourself an ass and every one will lay a sack on you.

Who would please all and please himself too,
Undertakes something he cannot do.

**Wine.**

No one is so wise that wine does not make him a fool.

Wine has drowned more men than the sea.

Wine is a turncoat; first a friend, then a deceiver, and finally an enemy.

It ruins the purse and sours the stomach.

Wine is a betrayer of secrets.

**Wisdom.**

Wisdom is more to be envied than riches.

Wisdom is the conqueror of fortune, the mother of all arts, and the sunshine of the soul.

Wisdom is the right use of knowledge.

Common sense is what the world terms wisdom.

Age brings wisdom, but it doesn't leave much time to use it.

Wisdom to the mind is better than money to the hands.

Wealth may seek us but wisdom must be sought.

Be wisely worldly but not worldly wise.

Learning is better than wealth;
Culture better than learning;
Wisdom better than culture.

The Italian is wise before he understands a thing, the German while he is doing it, and the Frenchman when it is over.

Despise not the discourse of the wise, but acquaint thyself with their proverbs.

Wisdom is neither inheritance nor legacy.

Thou art wise if thou beat off petty troubles and do not suffer their stinging to fret thee.

Wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared unto her.

A wise son maketh a glad father.

The sublimity of wisdom is to do those things living which are to be desired when dying.

Be ye wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

They who educate children well are more to be honored than they who produce them; for these only gave them life, those the art of living well.

Learning is an ornament in prosperity, a refuge in adversity, and the best provision in old age.

He commands enough that obeys a wise man.

**Wishing.**

Wishing is an expedient to be poor.

Wishers and woulders are never good householders.

Wishes never filled the bag.

I never fared worse than when I wished for my supper.

Our very wishes, when realized, give us not our wish.

What ardently we wish we soon believe.

No wise man ever wishes to be younger.

Our blunders mostly come from letting our wishes interpret our duties.

**Wit.**

An ounce of wit is worth a pound of argument.

Wit and wisdom seldom join hands.

Less judgment than wit is more sail than ballast.

A pun
Well done
Is legitimate fun.

Wit is the salt of conversation, not the food.

They who have the most wit
Are the most sparing of it.

Wit is the flower of imagination, judgment its fruit.

A little nonsense now and then
Is relished by the best of men.

Wit may be of pure imagination, but humor involves sentiment and character.

A fool attempting to be witty
Is an object of profoundest pity.

It takes wit to see wit.

Brevity is the soul of wit.

Big head, little wit; small head, not a bit.

Wit gives an edge to sense.

True wit is nature to advantage dressed; what oft was thought but ne'er so well expressed.

Wit is folly unless a wise man has the keeping of it.

**Woe.**

The most unhappy man is he who believes himself so.

How bitter it is to look at happiness through another man's eyes.

Companionship in woe doth woe assuage.

**Woman.**

A mannish woman and a womanish man
Are rank innovations on the Almighty's plan.

Woman is the fairest work of the Great Author; A handsome woman is always right.

and, the edition being large, no man should be without a copy.

A clock serves to point the hours, and woman to make us forget them.

A woman's counsel is not a great thing, but he who takes it not is a fool.

What's a table richly spread without a woman at the head?

She embarks her whole soul in the traffic of affection, and if shipwrecked her case is hopeless, for it is a bankruptcy of the heart.

Of all paths which lead to a woman's love pity's the straightest.

She hugged the offender and forgave the offence, sex to the last.

A man without religion is to be pitied, but a Godless woman is a holy horror.

Women are either better or worse than men.

Men are women's playthings.

Woman will more readily forgive a liberty than a slight.

Most men like their opposites in women.

The future of society is in the hands of mothers.

Woman is something between a flower and an angel.

Woman's very silence is eloquent.

Woman's natural mission is to love but one, to love always.

Women's extravagance causes their male friends to remain unmarried.

A handsome woman is a jewel, a good woman a treasure.

Women never truly command until they promise to obey.

All women can be prudent at a masquerade.

Fortune and woman are partial to fools.

A woman's fitness comes by fits.

Dazzled and charmed, he call'd that woman bride,
And his first sleep became his last repose.

How few are lovely that are made for love!
Do you, my fair, endeavor to possess
An elegance of mind as well as dress?

A woman that feareth the Lord she shall be praised.

Beauty is but skin deep.

The weeping bride makes a laughing wife.

If ladies be but young and fair,
They have the gift to know it.

A fine girl and a tattered gown always find something to hook them.

Whatever may be the customs and laws of a country, the women of it decide the morals.

Adam laid him down and slept, and from his side a woman in her magic beauty rose.

A woman hates a question except when she asks it.

To-day she's melting hot, to-morrow swears she loves you not.

A woman deserted by one man has no remedy but to appeal to twelve.

If a woman says she will you can depend on it, but when she says she won't, why there's an end on it.

When a woman smiles look out, when she frowns get out.

Heart on her lips and soul within her eyes, soft as her clime and sunny as her skies.

Woman is often the bitter half of men.

A woman's work and the washing of dishes are never at an end.

Man's work is from sun to sun;
But woman's work is never done.

Men have sight, woman insight,

Most women have a good deal of pity for some other woman's husband.

A woman's tongue is only three inches long, but it can kill a man six feet high.

If you care to live in peace, beware of women, fiddlers and geese.

For every Jack there is somewhere a Jill,
That can do with poor Jack about as she will.

Every ugly or beautiful woman should be flattered on her understanding, and the mediocre one on her beauty.

**Woman and Wedlock.**

The only book that woman longs to write in is a man's heart.

The test of civilization is the estimate of women.

Matrimony is the goal of a woman's ambition.

Dispute our bondage as we will,
'Tis woman, woman, rules us still.

Men are as old as they feel, and women as they look.

No woman is ugly if she be well dressed.

A woman wins an aged husband by listening to him, and a young man by talking to him.

No goose so gay but soon or late some honest gander'll be her mate.

Women are to be talked to as above men and below children.

Courteous, though coy and gentle, though retired.

A woman complains to a woman in woe.

She laughs when she can and weeps when she pleases.

**Words.**

Words are but pictures of thoughts, syllables govern the world.

A wise man reflects before he speaks.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

Speech is the gift of all, but thought of few; thoughts shut up want air.

Keep thy tongue and retain thy friend.

A silent fool is thought wise.

Words disclose a man's wit, but deeds his meaning.

Promises fill no sack.

Fair words won't feed the cat.

Vows made in storms are forgotten in calm.

Words and feathers are tossed by the wind.

Better break your leg than your word.

Promises make debts and debts make promises.

Say well and do well, end with one letter;
Say well is good, but do well is better.

A word and a stone thrown away do not return.

The more words are condensed the brighter they burn.

A small drop of ink makes thousands think.

No life can be dreary when work is delight.

You never know what you can do till you try.

Industry is the parent of success.

Industry is the parent of virtue.

The end of all is an action, not a thought, though it were of the noblest.

There is a wonderful power in honest work to develope latent energies, and reveal a man to himself.

Work wields the weapons of power.

**World.**

To understand the world is wiser than to condemn it.

To study the world is better than to shun it.

One-half of the world must sweat and groan that the other half may dream.

The world is a comedy to those that think, a tragedy to those who feel.

The world is like a staircase, some go up and some go down.

'Tis an excellent world that we live in.

A man never appreciates ashes until he has slipped on the ice.

In the glass one sees smiles, another tears;
Same glass, why is it?
In the same world one sees hope, another fear;
Same world, why is it?

In this world the worst pig often gets the best acorn.

When the big dog is down the little dogs bite him.

Little birds pick at the dead lion.

One half the world knows not how the other half lives.

**Worry.**

Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you.

More of our worries come from within than from without.

Don't climb the hill before you cross the valley.

He that seeks trouble it were a pity he should miss it.

Harm watch, harm catch.

Worry kills more men than work.

**Worth Remembering.**

What none can prove a forgery may be true.

Our sorrows are never so great that they hide our mercies.

All may do what has by man been done.

He that goes the contrary way must go over it twice.

It is not a chargeable thing to salute civilly.

The confidence of ability is ability.

Two things a man should never be angry at; what he can help, and what he cannot help.

God's anger is His love thrown back upon itself from unreceptive and unloving hearts.

The Lord is slow to anger.

He shall not guess the secret charm that lureth his soul to love thee.

A competence is all we can enjoy.

True honor is acquired by nothing but good conduct.

I not only speak so that I can be understood, but so that I cannot be misundertsood.

That which was bitter to endure may be sweet to remember.

> Each thing remembered, all but guilt,
> Is pleasant, and a constant source of joy.

No one gets into trouble without his own help.

The oft-moved stone gathers no moss.

We do not always gain by changing.

God fills the empty and empties the full.

It is too late to cover the well when the child is drowned.

It may be hard to work, but it may be harder to want.

> Beautiful hands are those that do
> Work that is earnest, brave and true,
> Moment by moment, the whole day through.

The hole invites the thief.

He that makes himself an ass must not take it ill if men ride him.

**Wounds.**

Men absolved by mercy from the consequences, forget the evil deed, and God imputes it not.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Wrong-doing.**

Confess that you were wrong yesterday; it will show that you are wise to-day.

By night an atheist half believes in a God.

Old wounds easily bleed.

The knife's wounds heal, the tongue's never.

None are evil wholly, or evil all at once.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make God a liar.

Whatever may have been the past, however black and hideous, it hath a present cure—repentance with amendment.

If you want easier traveling mend your ways.

A fault confessed disarms slander.

Never was hood so holy but the devil could get his head into it.

**Youth.**

The highest art is artlessness.

When young we trust ourselves too much, and others too little when old.

Young men think old men are fools;
But old men know young men are fools.

A fence lasts three years, a dog lasts three fences, a horse three dogs, and a man three horses.

Men are like wine, age sours the bad and improves the good.

Length of days is not a good,
Unless their use be understood.

There is no fool like an old fool.

The old man that dances furnishes the devil fine sport.

It is very funny to see a puppy run after his tail, but it is a fool trick in an old dog.

Youth is perpetual intoxication.

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